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WHERE DOES COMMUNISM END AND FASCISM BEGIN?

THE SECOND OF TWO ARTICLES BY

Alexander Clifford

If you hear one urchin yell "Fascist!" at another urchin in the ramshackle back-streets of Moscow today, you know that tempers have been lost. The term of abuse is so serious that it is almost obscene.

If you heard one German shout "Communist!" at another German under the Nazi regime, you held your breath and looked to see if anyone else had noticed.

The charge was libellous if untrue, punishable with arrest, concentration camp and torture if true.

The two political systems regard each other as the ultimate abomination. Yet under both of them men's lives and thoughts are regimented and controlled "for the good of the community."

Under both, political theory is imposed where it is not accepted; opposition is forcibly suppressed; one party holds unchallenged power; there is no freedom of speech or the Press; there are no guarantees against arbitrary imprisonment, torture, or death; there is increasing fear of the secret police.

The practical similarities of the two systems seem great enough to outweigh any conceivable differences. What *are* the differences which enable Fascists to regard Communists as incarnate devils and vice-versa?

Two Groups

If you comb carefully through the jumble of contemporary history in search of the answer, you will almost certainly end up with two main groups of difference—or apparent difference:

1. The difference of origin—the Left-Wingness of Communism and Right-Wingness of Fascism;

2. The difference of scope—the narrow nationalism of Fascism, the broad internationalism of Communism.

The difference of origin is important because it gives both parties their battle-cry. It explains why the Communists accuse Fascism of being the last desperate refuge of Capitalism—the final reinforcement of the rich in their exploitation of the poor.

And it explains why the Fascists imagine themselves as crusaders fighting off a diabolical threat to the most cherished values of mankind.

Communism, so far, has come to power either through a brilliantly led Left-Wing revolution (as in Russia) or else through use or abuse of the normal processes of parliamentary democracy (as in the Iron Curtain countries).

Fear-Inspired

Fascism, so far, has been a fear-inspired reaction to the real or fancied threat of Communism, revolution, and chaos.

It is born when a sufficiently powerful group of men begin to feel that democracy is too gentle and tolerant to meet the threat—that strong and ruthless measures are necessary.

Communism has captured the most extreme Left-Wing political position available. Nothing could be Lefter. Therefore, it is supported by the poorest, neediest, bitterest and most unsuccessful members of the population.

Fascism, as an insurance against Communism, inevitably stands a little farther to the Right. It is supported by those who foresee chaos and disaster in rule by the poorest and most unsuccessful; supported, in fact, by the richer and more successful—by the people who have more to lose.

So, in theory, Communism is liable to be dictatorship by the Left-hand half of the country, and Fascism dictatorship by the Right-hand half. But the ingredient of totalitarianism is common to both.

Same Formula

And that is what gives the strongest flavour to the life of the country. It reduces both systems to variations of the same form of government. And just as all religious fanatics hate heretics worse than infidels, so Communism hates Fascism with an especially bitter hatred.

The difference of scope—nationalism versus internationalism—is of far greater importance.

Fascism, in all the examples so far available, is a nationalistic creed, thriving on crude, narrow patriotism.

As a reaction against the world-religion of Communism it is bound to put excessive emphasis on nationalism. Soon it builds up a shallow, jingoistic mythology, a counter-mysticism to Communism.

It glorifies the Army as the natural symbol of national strength. It begins to aim at economic self-sufficiency. It exploits and exaggerates grievances against other nations. It walls itself in with its creed.

Its philosophy is never one that can be exported. It may find admirers abroad who dream of producing the same thing in their own countries. But it can never spread its exact creed, for its creed is essentially confined to the chosen race.

An Army

When Fascism goes abroad, it goes as an army, enslaving the bodies, not the minds, of men.

But Communism was conceived as a world system. It claims to be a universal faith, applicable to all mankind. Its original theory rejected nationalism as primitive tribalism inevitably leading to war. Its first prophets were not Russians at all, but Germans.

Like all religions it spreads by conversion. Its philosophy is far profounder than any Fascism, and far more attractive to the poor and unsatisfied. It offers itself as the political, economic and spiritual remedy for the entire globe.

Unhappily for the theory, Soviet Russia's history has forced her into nationalism. Things did not turn out quite as Marx predicted. Russia found herself the solitary Communist country in a hostile world.

She *could* not be international in the circumstances. On the contrary, she was forced to build up a standing army—a thing which all the Communist prophets had bitterly denounced. And then she had to fight a war, which is the ultimate essence of nationalism.

Russia's Creed

Circumstances have forced Russia to behave much more like a Fascist country than a Communist one. But internationalism is still her official creed.

Within the U.S.S.R. there are dozens of nations living together in real or enforced amity (at any rate, no wars between them are possible).

The Iron Curtain countries are virtually part of the Russian Commonwealth. Their trade will be interlocked with Russia's and they will have no need of armies vis-a-vis each other or Russia; Moscow will keep the peace.

And the Communist parties abroad are missionary bodies whose leaders feel greater loyalty to Communism than they do to their own countries.

So Communism, on paper, at least, aims at world peace on the basis of all men subscribing to a common system and belief. Fascism can only aim at world peace on the basis of one nation dominating the entire world.

Fascism of the type that has so far appeared can, in fact, lead only to a network of selfish and rampant nationalisms which ultimately *must* result in war.

The Question

The question now before the world is: Will Russia be content with trying to convert the world, or will she try to dominate it? Will she behave like a Communist State or a Fascist State?

She will certainly go on *calling* herself a Communist State. And will that provoke America into a Fascist reaction (called, of course, "Anti-Fascism"), with the forcible suppression of Communism and the enthronement of a mystical "American way of life" and all the rest of the familiar claptrap?

Or can true democracy prevail?

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A Dire Threat

Havana, Dec. 29.

China today announced that it would seek to use Chinese as a working language should Spanish be added to English and French in deliberations in the United Nations Trade and Employment conference.—United Press.

Arms Factory For China

Ottawa, Dec. 29.

Equipment for a small arms ammunition factory has been shipped from Canada to China as part of the US$10,000,000 deal by China for Canadian military equipment, the Canadian Press said today.

Previously it was disclosed that Mosquito fighter bombers, ammunition for these aircraft and landing-ground equipment were included in the arrangement, which developed from the 1945 mutual aid agreement. This equipment for making small arms ammunition includes machine tools of various kinds, some power tools and presses.

When assembled, the factory will be able to produce .303 calibre ammunition, used principally today in the British Lee Enfield rifle and in certain medium machine-guns, and nine millimetre cartridges, which are used in Sten guns and certain automatic pistols.—Associated Press.

SOVIET RENEWS RADIO ATTACKS

Seoul, Dec. 29.

After a month of comparative silence the Soviet controlled North Korean radio at Pyongyang has begun an anti-American campaign unprecedented in the history of the occupation.

The commentator said that the Greek, Indonesian and Korean commissions were "all formed by American imperialists and designed to cover the sinister aggressive ambitions of the Americans," and warned: "It is only patent that the United Nations temporary commission to Korea will also prove its uselessness."—United Press.

Thrilling Alaska Air Rescues

New York, Dec. 29.

Planes and log teams were standing by at Nome, Alaska, today awaiting a break in a 40 miles per hour blizzard, which is sweeping the area, so that they could set out to rescue airmen from two crashed planes and a glider stranded in frozen wasteland more than 100 miles away.

One of the stranded planes—a Dakota—towing a glider, was forced down through engine trouble while nearing the spot where four survivors of a Superfortress that crashed last Tuesday after an Arctic flight, were awaiting rescue.

Five of the Dakota's crew—all of whom were unhurt—were picked up by another rescue plane fitted with skis and flown back to Nome, while others stayed behind to prepare the glider for a pick-up.

Later.

Six half-frozen survivors of the B-29 crash in the desolate Arctic wastelands were rescued today by daring Alaskan bush pilots, and two other crewmen who left the bomber for aid are being sought near the twisted wreckage.

Pilot Bill Munz landed at Nome with four crash survivors and within an hour Frank Whaley, veteran bush flyer, brought two more survivors from the icy slopes of the uncharted mountain, 100 miles north of Nome, where the big Superfortress crashed on Tuesday.

All six men are suffering from exposure after seven days in sub-zero weather in a howling blizzard. Both bush pilots took off immediately into the Arctic twilight to hunt for the remaining two crew members of the plane, who were believed to have left the wreckage in search for assistance.—Reuter and United Press.

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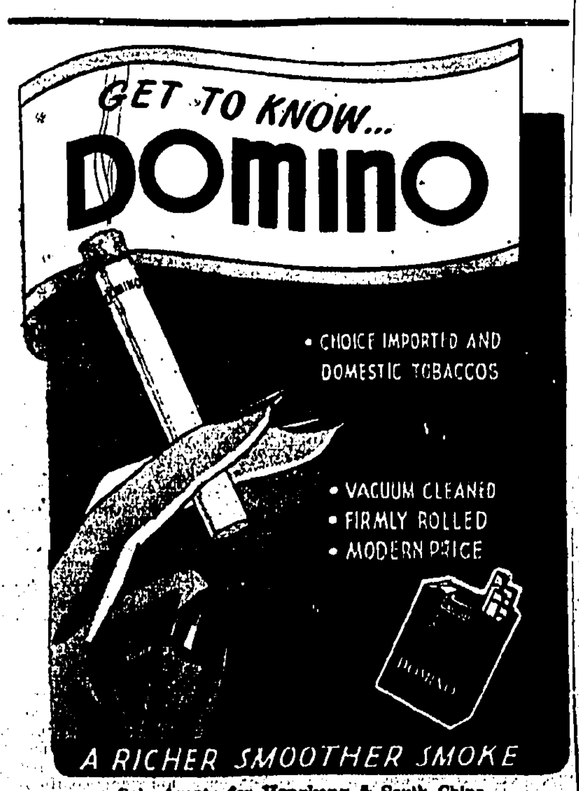

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ARABS ON THE RAMPAGE

Seek Vengeance For Damascus Gate Incident

British Police Among The Casualties

Jerusalem, Dec. 29.

Infuriated Arabs stormed through the streets of Jerusalem's Old City today in search of Jews to avenge the nine Arabs killed by Irgun terrorists, who flung a powerful bomb from a speeding car into the crowded Damascus Gate orange market.

Two British constables were killed—one when terrorists sprayed the area with machinegun fire before the explosion, and one when a group of Arabs opened fire afterwards.

The bodies of the dead and injured lay among scattered oranges. The Government Hospital reported two more Arab deaths to the nine officially reported, and at least 37 injured.

Within ten minutes of the explosion Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish terrorist organisation, telephoned Hebrew journalists and claimed responsibility, saying the Damascus Gate was a "meeting place for Arab gangsters."

Most of the casualties—which were known to include Arab women and children—occurred among the crowd at a bus stop near an Arab cafe.

A carload of armed Arabs rushed through the Old City in pursuit of a Jewish taxi, which was trying to escape into the Jewish quarter.

Vengeance

When the taxi's escape had been blocked, the Arabs shot dead the two Jewish occupants and then set fire to the taxi.

One other British constable was wounded at the Damascus Gate, and another was shot dead by unknown gunmen—believed to be Arabs—in a gunfight near the Austrian Hospital, also in the Old City.

Dr. C. Malouf, an Arab physician in charge of the Mental Hospital at Bethlehem, was shot dead today on the road to Bethlehem. Arab sources claimed that he was killed by Jews as a reprisal for the murder yesterday of a Jewish doctor near the Government Isolation Hospital outside Jerusalem.

One British soldier was killed and two were wounded when armed men wearing battle dress and steel helmets attacked an armoury east of Jaffa.

The bandits stole 74 rifles, 3,000 rounds of ammunition, and a number of Sten guns and pistols.

Mobilisation Fund

The Jewish Agency's mobilisation fund launched last month with a target of £500,000 for "security" purposes, will reach £600,000 by December 31, a Jewish Agency spokesman said today.

Similar security funds were now being launched in South Africa and the United States with unlimited ceilings, the spokesman added.—Reuter.

New Prize For War Museum

London, Dec. 29.

A shell of the Schwere Gustav, I, said to be the largest gun in the world, built by Krupps, has arrived in the Imperial War Museum.

Designed under the code name of Dora at the end of 1937, the gun weighed 1,500 tons. It had a very long barrel—made in two parts and screwed together in the middle—and was capable of firing a seven and a half ton shell up to a range of 28 miles. The calibre was 31.496 inches.

Schwere Gustav I was used in the siege of Sevastopol from 1941 to 1942, and a second gun was built for use against Leningrad. The gun, emplaced on railway tracks, was served by 1,500 men commanded by a Major-General.

At one time, plans were made to fire across the Straits of Dover at London, using a rocket propellant in the base of the shell. These were later abandoned.—Reuter.

Bonus Battle In Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 30.

The Bureau of Social Affairs' year-end bonus committee today ruled that all year-end gratuities, which in principle should be one month's salary, be paid before January 16th.

However, 23 labour-management disputes have already been reported in connection with the bonuses. In some cases the workers demanded more than one month's wages, while in others the management sought permission to make a smaller payment due to the business slump.

The British-owned Yeetsoong Tobacco Company workers (British American Tobacco Company) staged a "go slow" strike in a dispute over the mode of payment although the management agreed to one month's wages.

The workers demanded payment before January 15th while the Company suggested that the final payment be made before February 5th.—United Press.

British Tin For Russia

London, Dec. 30.

A Board of Trade spokesman said today that Britain will start deliveries of tin to Russia under the new trade pact as soon as details have been worked out with the Russian-buying agencies in Britain.

Moscow Radio said earlier that Russia will send Britain 750,000 tons of coarse grains instead of the 500,000 tons of animal feedstuffs previously reported.

The British spokesman said he did not know whether the shipments would be from stockpiles in Britain or from Malaya, which produces the world's highest grade ore. He said talks on the shipments will begin in the near future.—Associated Press.

MARSHALL PLAN WARNING

Washington, Dec. 29.

An Administration source said today that if the European recovery programme fails or is rejected by Congress and Europe goes to the Communists, the United States may have to spend as much as $20,000,000,000 a year on defence.

The recovery programme, entailing $17,000,000,000 for 16 European countries, is worth trying as a cheaper way out even though results cannot be guaranteed.

In the Administration's view, a drastic reduction of the four-year programme by Congress ultimately would require a longer programme to put Europe back on its feet. It argued that chances of success would diminish as the amount of aid is curtailed particularly in the first year.—United Press.

Helicopter Crash

Naples, Dec. 30.

Three American Navy men were killed today when a helicopter from the aircraft carrier Midway lost its rotor and fell into a scrap iron dump in the port of Naples.

The rotor fell in several pieces from a considerable altitude. Then the ship crashed.—Associated Press.

Iraq Cancels Army Leave

Baghdad, Dec. 29.

Iraq today cancelled all leave for army officers, doctors and nurses, it was officially learned.

The Palestine Defence Committee said that volunteers had been leaving the capital for undisclosed destinations during the past three days.

Among the volunteers examined by doctors in Baghdad mosques during the past 24 hours were ex-servicemen, tribesmen and students.—Reuter.

Mustangs Crash In Mid-Air

Kure, Dec. 30.

Headquarters of the 31st Australian Fighter Wing announced that two American pilots of the Fifth Air Force were killed on Sunday morning when their Mustangs collided in mid-air over Bofu airfield.

The names are being withheld pending notification to the next of kin.

Eye-witnesses said the two planes, which were on their way back to their base in Northern Kyushu, were flying over Bofu at about 1,000 feet in a farewell salute when the aircraft touched each other.

One plane crashed into the hillside out of control while the other spiralled into the sea a few hundred yards from the coast.

Rescue parties recovered the bodies of both fliers.—United

Jews Split Over Communism

Jerusalem, Dec. 29.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine has apparently split on the issue of Communism as 17,010 new illegal immigrants have sailed for Palestine from behind the iron curtain.

The split is indicated, informed observers state, by the resignation of Moshe Sneh, head of the Agency's European office on Sunday in protest against Anglo-American orientation of the Agency's foreign policy.

It was reported that he favoured closer cooperation with Russia and the Communist-dominated Balkan Governments and opposed the Agency's acceptance of the partition of Palestine.

Sneh's name was closely linked to the great new exodus of Jews from behind the iron curtain which the Jewish Agency unsuccessfully attempted to halt after the United Nations partition decision became known.

Reports from Istanbul said the two former American liners, Pan Crescent and Pan York, presently flying the Panamanian flag, had passed through the Bosphorus en route from Romania to the Holy Land. The reports said the Turkish authorities who inspected the ships reported there were 11,154 refugees aboard the Pan Crescent and 5,886 aboard the Pan York. Turkish medical officers inspected the ships and gave them permission to proceed.

Reports from Bucharest said Sneh was active in organising the exodus and the ships sailed fully loaded despite orders from Palestine to cancel the voyage.

Another Jewish refugee ship, renamed "November 29th", the date partition was approved by the United Nations, was intercepted near the Palestine coast on Sunday night with 650 persons aboard who were taken to Haifa for transshipment to Cyprus.—United Press.

London, Dec. 29.

Serious floods have occurred in mid-Wales due to weekend rain and the rivers Severn, Wye, Dovey and Vyrnwy have overflowed.—Reuter.

Kite-Flying For Spain?

Washington, Dec. 29.

There was no reason why Spain should not become a partner in the Marshall plan, authoritative circles said here today, but they could not confirm London newspaper reports that the Foreign Ministers of France, Britain and the United States had agreed in London to include her.

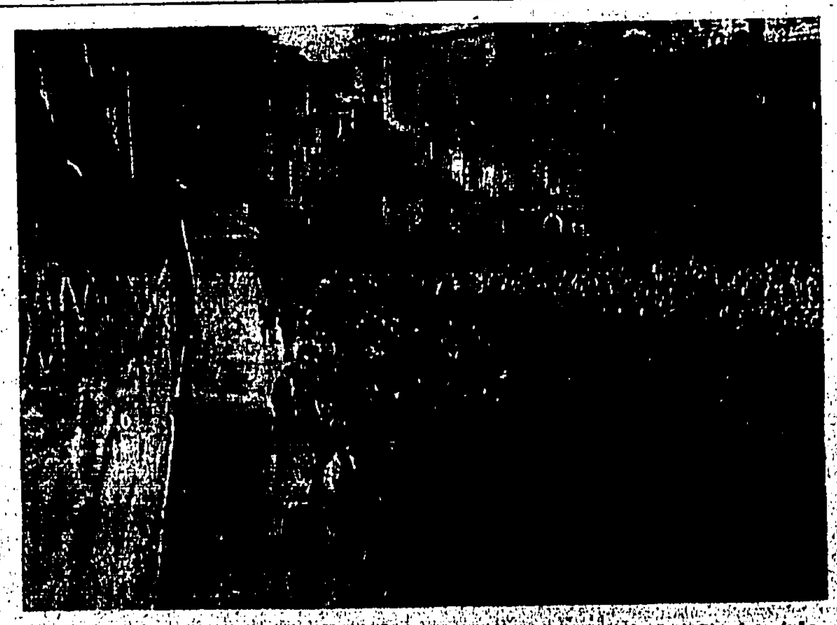
They said that Spain would first have to be accepted by the 16 nations which took part in the Paris Conference for European recovery and would have to give assurances of her determination to join the cooperative effort.

The opinion here was that the more states with bona fide objectives that could be brought into the European recovery plan the better the chances the plan had of success.

It was conceded that Spain had something to contribute as well as to gain from a stable European economy.

It was unlikely that political relations between Spain and most of the outside world, being what they are, that any special inducement would be offered Spain to share in the European recovery plan.

On the other hand, it was felt that Spain subscribed to a political philosophy no more objectionable to the United States than those of one or two other Middle European states which the United States had indicated it would welcome as participants in the recovery plan.—Reuter.



Antonio Di Donato (at microphone), secretary of the Predominately Communist Bari Chamber of Labour (central union office), stands on a balcony to address a large gathering in Bari following the termination of the recent general strike in Southern Italy.—(AP Photo).

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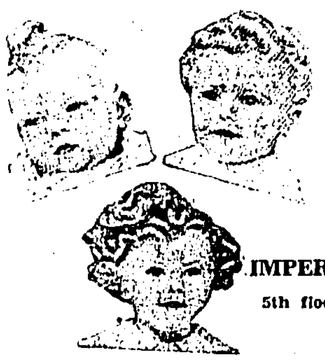

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AMOY SHIP DISPUTE

Passengers And Chinese Customs Clash

Big Smuggling Haul Alleged

"Imprisoned" for more than 10 days and nights on board the 3,000-ton Norwegian ship, "Prosper", 146 passengers are threatening to riot and use violence unless the Chinese Customs authorities of Amoy free the vessel the "China Mail" learned from shipping circles last night.

The "Prosper" has been detained in Amoy harbour since December 20 on arrival from Hong Kong and Swatow. The Chinese Customs there discovered a considerable quantity of unmanifested cargo (presumably by passenger-smugglers) and imposed a fine of CN$4,000,000,000 on the ship. Payment in cash was demanded.

Local shipping circles told the "China Mail" that even a guarantee offered personally by the Norwegian Ambassador to China, Mr. N. Aall (who flew from Nanking to try and obtain the release of the ship), and counter-signed by the Amoy branch of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, was rejected by the Deputy Chinese Customs Commissioner in Amoy.

The Norwegian Ambassador personally assured the Chinese Customs authorities that the fine would be paid on condition but reserved his right to protest in accordance with the Chinese Maritime Customs Preventive Code.

Insistence

The Chinese Deputy Customs Commissioner, while reducing the fine to CN$2,660,550,000 insisted on immediate payment without any qualifications.

He also refused to arrest the alleged owners of the unmanifested cargo.

Reference

Under the command of Captain A. S. Bugge, the "Prosper" plys between the Straits, Hong Kong, Swatow and Amoy and was about to make a return trip when it was detained with all the passengers on board.

The case now rests with the Norwegian Ambassador and the Inspector-General of Customs in Shanghai to whom the matter has been referred.

The Norwegian Ambassador has since returned to Nanking.

The "Prosper" is a Norwegian-owned vessel, the local agents for which is the Everett Steamship Corporation.

Michael Leaves Rumania

Bucharest, Dec. 30.

King Michael, of Rumania, abdicated today. Later the Republic of Rumania was formally established.

The abdication of the King will be announced officially to the Rumanian people by radio at 6 p.m. local time tonight, the Rumanian Government announced.

News of King Michael's abdication was made in the outward transmission of a Bucharest Radio Russian broadcast at 4.30 p.m. GMT.

The Radio announcement said: "Today, Dec. 30, 1947, King Michael I signed an instrument in which he abdicates the Rumanian throne, lays down all Royal prerogatives on his own behalf and on behalf of his heirs."

King Michael gave as the reason for his abdication the fact that deep political, economic and social changes have taken place in Rumania during the past few years which created a new relationship between the principal factors governing the national life.

The announcement continued: "In view of the situation thereby created, the King considers that a monarchy no longer corresponds with the existing conditions of Rumania's national life and is a serious obstacle on the road to the country's development."

King Michael's abdication was justified in that a monarchy would hinder the realisation and the development of Rumania's democratisation, the Radio announcement added.—Reuter.

AIR LINER'S MISHAP

Copenhagen, Dec. 30.

A Danish Airlines plane from Paris crash-landed in shallow waters 300 yards offshore from Kastrup airport tonight but remained intact. Officials said only three of the 14 persons aboard were injured.

Snow-laden wings forced the plane into the water as it settled for a landing.

Motor launches rescued the passengers and crew.—Associated Press.

Survivors Of Kina In Manila

Manila, Dec. 30.

The remaining survivors from the "Kina" arrived in Manila this evening after a journey from Calbayog by sea to Masbate whence they came by a plane specially chartered by the ship's agents.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Pedersen and their daughter Inge praised the crews' calmness and courage in combatting the towering seas in the midst of lashing rain and wind in the darkest night.

Mrs. Pedersen said: "Were it not for the brave crew we would not be here."

After nine terrifying hours of sitting in a semi-submerged lifeboat with water up to the armpits, they landed in coastal Samar.

The villagers immediately assisted with food and dry clothing.

Mr. Pedersen said that they knew the situation was dangerous and were all standing-by when the ship struck.

He added that there was no panic. Inge said that she was more seasick in today's journey.

Hope Lost

Commander "Chick" Parsons—famed Mindanao guerilla organiser and General MacArthur's representative — supervised search operations discontinued after an examination of all uninhabited islets.

He added that there were still hopes that survivors may be discovered in any of the hundreds of small scattered villages.

Mr. Parsons stated that the Kina was sunk between 40 and 50 fathoms and there was an oil slick two miles east of Camandag island.

Heinrich Matti fears that there is no hope of his brother Dennis, since he was among the 15 occupants of the lifeboat who was not seen after he had collapsed into the hatch.

Accompanying the Kina's party in the plane were Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Hall from the Far Eastern Lumber Company, travelling by barge from Caguiguitan to Calbayog, who were wrecked near Malaga, where fishermen swam out with ropes and saved them.—Reuter.

Award For Gallantry

Major Esmonde Receives The Military Cross

Major (Dr.) Patrick Esmonde yesterday received the Military Cross for displaying "great courage in establishing a Casualty Evacuation Post across the Rhine in 1945 and successfully evacuating without delay many casualties."

Dr. Esmonde, is a brother of the late Lieutenant-Commander E. Esmonde, DSO, who won the Victoria Cross, posthumously, following a naval action in the Straits of Dover in 1942.

The action resulted in the sinking of the German battleship, "Scharnhorst" and three other German warships.

Another brother, Commander Witham Esmonde, OBE, was awarded the DSC for action in the sinking of the German battleship, Bismarck, in 1941.

He is at present in Scotland.—China Mail Photo.

41 Decorated For Gallantry

Awards for gallantry and meritorious service were made at Government House yesterday morning when the Governor, Sir Alexander Granthan, presented insignia to 41 recipients.

The hall of Government House was gaily decorated for the occasion, and included in the large number of guests present to witness the ceremony were the heads of the Three Services, leading officials and citizens, and their ladies.

The Governor in ceremonial dress, made the presentation to each recipient as the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. E.H. Williams, read out the citation.

Following were the awards:—

Colonel W. T. Grimsdale, C.B.E. (Mil.):—For gallant and distinguished service in North West Europe.

Sub-Lieutenant R.G.G. Stanton R.N.R. D.S.O.:—Sub-Lieut. Stanton as First Lieutenant of the "Li Wo" and her only surviving officer, showed steadfast courage in the face of overwhelming odds in action between Singapore and Batavia in February 1942.

Major E. G. Stewart D.S.O.:—Major Stewart displayed great gallantry and initiative in the hostilities in Hong Kong in 1941, and although wounded early in the fighting at Wong Nei Chung he continued to command his company with a total disregard to his own suffering. During the fighting at Wong Nei Chung, Major Stewart's company suffered 100 casualties in officers and 50 in Other Ranks.

Mr. R.S.W. Paterson, O.B.E.:—Mr. Paterson performed outstanding services during internment.

Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant A.E. Kew, M.B.E. (Mil.):—Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant Kew was awarded the M.B.E. in 1942 for long and faithful service in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Major Patrick Esmonde, M.C.:—Major Esmonde displayed great courage in establishing a Casualty Evacuation Post across the Rhine in March 1945 and successfully evacuating without delay many casualties.

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2 Explosions Yesterday

A Chinese fireman from Kowloon Fire Brigade had both his arms badly burnt by sulphuric acid, when he slipped and fell on the ground at 119, Castle Peak Road, Kowloon, about 3.30 p.m. yesterday.

About half an hour earlier the place was the scene of a loud explosion, said to have originated from a drum of sulphuric acid stored in the courtyard.

Two appliances were rushed from Kowloon Fire Bridge to the place, but none of the inmates was hurt, and damage done was slight.

In Tung Street

At about the same time another explosion, but a smaller one, took place at 18 Tung Street, ground floor, on Hong Kong side.

The place was occupied as a marine dealer's store.

The explosion went off as some bottles were being washed in a concrete water tank.

No one was hurt, and so far the cause of the explosion is not known.

BARREL BOMBS FALL AMONG ARABS

47 Killed In Struggle At Haifa

Jerusalem, Dec. 30.

Two "barrel bombs" thrown from a speeding car among 100 Arab labourers standing by the main gate of the Consolidated Oil refinery plant in Haifa today caused "heavy Arab casualties," according to a police report.

The "barrel bombs" were said to be similar in type to the one which killed 13 Arabs and wounded more than 30 at the Damascus Gate, Jerusalem, yesterday. An official report said that the situation was under control after troops and police had been rushed to the spot.

The Arabs then turned on the Jewish workers employed at the plant and stabbed many of them to death.

British troops later pulled out 20 Jews killed or wounded in the riot.

An official announcement said later that 47 persons had been killed in the fighting at the refinery.

The dead are 36 Jews and 11 Arabs. Sixty-one were injured of whom 14 were Jews and 47 Arabs.

Open Revolt

Meanwhile, a Prague report says the "Young Turk" wing of Hagana is in open revolt against the Jewish authorities in Palestine over post-partition policy in the evacuation of Jews from Europe, an informed Jewish source disclosed.

This faction, the informant said, gave the order for two American ship carrying 12,000 Rumanian Jews as illegal immigrant to Palestine to set sail from Burgas, Bulgarian against express instructions of David Ben Gurion, head of the Jewish Agency.

He said Hagana officials in Rumania ordered the Pan York and the Pan Crescent to leave Burgas not only because local conditions were untenable but because of fears that further emigration of Rumania's 350,000 Jews may soon be cut off by the Rumanian Government.

The informant, an underground worker who left Burgas within the week, said the widespread revolt of Hagana workers in Europe followed the Jewish Agency's decision to suspend emigration after partition was announced.

The fight was carried into the recent high policy meeting without success and decisions to ignore Jewish Agency orders were taken on the grounds that the Palestine authorities refused to recognise the urgency of the situation in Europe.

He said the resignation on Sunday of Dr. Moshe Sneh, head of the Jewish Agency's European section was a direct result of this dispute.

He described the rebel wing of Hagana workers, who have supervised over 98 per cent of all Jewish emigration from Europe to Palestine, as anti-Revisionist as well as opposed to the "compromising" policy of the Agency.

Restrictions

The informant pointed to the recent restrictive measures taken by the Hungarian and Rumanian Governments in cutting off the steady flow of Bucharest and Moldavian Jews reaching camps in the American zone of Austria via Hungary.

In recent weeks, however, strong elements of the Communist parties in both countries have taken the stand that Jews must be integrated into the national economic life and have placed new obstacles in the way of any emigration.

He said the policy in Rumania coincided with the installation of Ana Pauker as Foreign Minister and was shortly followed in parallel actions by the Minister of Interior, Laszlo Rajk, in Hungary.

A former Polish medical student who began work in the underground shortly after his liberation from a concentration camp said the two shiploads from Burgas numbered more than half the total of Jews interned on Cyrus.

"The Rumanian sea exodus became necessary," he said, "after 20,000 Rumanian Jews fled from near starvation conditions to Austria last Summer where they overflowed the camps and were sleeping three and four on a cot.

"Partial diversion by direct sea route was then organised by Hagana.

"The tacit approval of the Rumanian authorities was managed in the usual manner with dollars.

"Twelve thousand Jews gathered in assembly camps when the 'no sailings' order came from Jerusalem.

"Then the ships were made to move from Rumanian ports.

"Nearly every rank and file workers in the land and sea operation rebelled. They decided emigration must go on. After the last minute pleas were rejected they gave the order. And thus the revolt began."—Reuter and United Press.

Chiang's New Year Call To Nation

Nanking, Dec. 30.

President Chiang Kai-shek will broadcast a New Year's speech on a nation-wide tomorrow evening.

He will be followed on the air by Secretary-General of the Kuomintang General Wu Teh-chen who will speak on the "Great Path to Democracy." — United Press.

Big Bank Robbery Staged?

Rumours of a large-scale bank robbery in the heart of the city late yesterday afternoon, in which lakhs were said to be involved, later turned out upon investigation to be a "staged" affair, according to the Police.

Report of the alleged robbery first came through at 6.40 p.m. when four armed men were said to have robbed the Farmers Bank of China (whose premises are at the corner of Ice House Street and Des Voeux Road Central) after knocking unconscious the Bank's cashier.

One of the alleged robbers was arrested by the Bank's night watchman.

When the Police under Det. Inspector Williamson arrived, the alleged robber and the cashier were taken to Central.

The cashier, who said he had been knocked unconscious, refused to go to hospital, it was reported.

Late last night the Police revealed that the report was a false one.

The whole thing was probably 'an inside affair' and alleged robber who was probably an accomplice, they said.

A "China Mail" reporter, who interviewed an official of the Farmers' Bank about three hours after the alleged robbery, was told there was in fact no robbery at all and that the whole thing was an "inside job," which would be dealth with by the Bank officials themselves.

The amount involved, it was reliably learnt, was in the vicinity of $30,000 to $40,000.

BAO DAI HAS LANDED IN LONDON

London, Dec. 30.

Bao Dai, exiled emperor of Annam, arrived here today from Hong Kong aboard a British plane on a mission apparently aimed at settlement of a dispute with the French over the future of Indo-china.

Saigon despatches to Paris newspapers quoted well-informed sources as saying a three-point offer had been transmitted to Bao Dai by the French.—Associated Press.

YUNGCHENG TAKEN BY CHINESE REDS

Nanking, Dec. 30.

After bitter fighting lasting more than two weeks Yungcheng fell to Communist forces late yesterday afternoon, according to a reliable source close to military headquarters in Nanking this morning.

The city was heavily shelled by Communists during the past week and was reported to be a shambles when the forces commanded by Generals Wang Chen and Li Shien-lien, under cover of a heavy artillery barrage, stormed and entered the city yesterday.

This is the last Nationalist bastion in Shensi province and the fall of this city is said to be comparable with the fall of Shihchiachwang early in November. However, a local Chinese daily this morning claimed that Government troops are still fighting stubbornly and have inflicted more than 12,000 casualties on the Communists.

Military despatches from Sian report that General Lei Wen-chien, the garrison commander of Yungcheng, was killed in the fighting and telecommunication with the city has been cut.

Another report states that Government reinforcements which were dispatched from Peiping have been surrounded by Communist forces in the Chungtiao mountains.

Meanwhile, the Communist seventh offensive which began more than a week ago is still raging in Manchuria and they are reported to have penetrated the outer defences of Mukden.

Government warplanes are reported to be bombing and strafing the attackers and have inflicted heavy losses on the Communists.

Other despatches, meanwhile, claim that Communist forces are still continuing largescale attacks on the Chinchow section of the Peiping-Mukden Railway and preventing the movements of Government reinforcements from Peiping.—Reuter.

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Bandits Again Make Fire Raid On Train To Canton

Another attempt to stop a Canton-bound train from Kowloon by setting one of the coaches on fire was made in Chinese territory on Sunday, said reports from Canton yesterday. Two passengers were seriously injured by jumping off the train.

Alert gendarmes on the train and railway guards, however, prevented the fire from spreading by warning the engine driver in time.

Shortly after the train had left Cheung Muk Tau Station, dense smoke was seen belching from the eighth carriage.

Amist cries of "fire! fire!" several men clad in kakhi-coloured clothes were seen jumping from the burning carriage. Several men and women passengers followed.

When the train stopped, gendarmes and railway guards used water and fire extinguishers to put out the fire. Most of the goods in the carriage were destroyed. A number of passengers received minor burns and bruises. Two, however, were seriously injured as a result of leaping from the moving train.

The last attempt to stop a train occurred on December 19. The train, fortunately overshot the point where it was planned to loot it, as it apparently did again on Sunday.

The Canton messages added that two suspects have been detained by the Canton police on charges of being involved in the December 19 attempt.

The Weather

The intense anti-cyclone over Mongolia continues to dominate East Asia and the neighbouring seas. The deep depression centering over the Pacific to the east of the Kurile Islands is moving north-eastward.

Forecast:—Moderate north-east wind, cloudy in early morning, becoming fine during the day, continuing cold.

Yesterday's Weather:—

Maximum: 62.9 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 49.8 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 8.1 hours.
Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—2600.8 mm.=102.68 ins, as against an average of 2139.8 mm.=84.21 ins.

Readings at

	10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Baro. at m.s.l.	1022.1 Equals 30.46	1024.7 m.b. 30.32 inches.
Rel. Humidity	57	53 %
Dew Point	48	47 deg. F.
Wind Direction	N	ESE
Wind Force	6	4 knots.

Notice of Removal

WE WISH TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC THAT
ON FRIDAY, 2ND JANUARY, 1948
OUR HONG KONG OFFICE WILL BE MOVED
from
SECOND FLOOR, PRINCE'S BUILDING,
(DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL)
to
GROUND FLOOR, PRINCE'S BUILDING,
(CORNER OF ICE HOUSE STREET & CHATER ROAD.)

SERVICE TO OUR CLIENTS
WILL CONTINUE AS USUAL.

YOUNG BROTHERS
BANKING CORPORATION
(Chu Hsin Chen Bank, Ltd.)
Prince's Building. Tels: 28827 & 28829

IT LOOKED A DARK WORLD FROM THE DOCK

Alleged Bandit Says He Was Beaten Up

"Your Lordship can well-imagine what a dark world it is in the Police Station," said Iu Wah to Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, after he had made a statement from the dock alleging that he was beaten by the Police and forced to confess to crimes which he claimed he did not commit.

Iu Wah, together with Wan Ko-chiu, Wan Nam alias Chau Man, Yu Lam, Tsoi Yuen-shun and Ip Chau are being tried on two counts of armed robbery at Jardine's Hill on Oct. 12.

Mr. E.H. Sainsbury, assisted by Det. Insp. McPherson, is conducting the case for the prosecution.

After statements which had been made by the accused had been read to the Court by Mr. Sainsbury, Det. Insp. McPherson said that after Wan Ko-chiu's arrest, the latter took him to different addresses where certain of the other accused were located and arrested.

Procedure

Det. Insp. McPherson also testified regarding the procedure followed at the Identification Parade and said that all persons on parade were dressed alike.

There was no truth whatsoever in the allegations of the accused that they were placed on parade barefooted with other persons who wore shoes and had their hair well combed.

On conclusion of the case for the prosecution, each of the six accused made a statement from dock, denying all knowledge of the robbers and alleging that they had been beaten by the Police and forced to confess.

Tsoi Yuen-shun claimbed that he was busily engaged on the day of the robberies.

He said that he was employed in cutting grass, carrying pig-wash, feeding pigs and looking after a friend's baby.

Corroboration

Evidence in corroboration of his story was given by Ho Yun-lan, married woman, who declared that Tsoi was employed by her at $20 a month, plus food.

When it was suggested to Ho by Mr. Sainsbury in the course of cross-examination, that Tsoi was more than an employee to her, Ho was most indignant and said that she was a married woman.

Hearing will be resumed at 10 a.m. today.

Beauty Queen To Enter Convent

Manila, Dec. 30.

Evangeline de Castro, 17-year-old Miss Philippines of 1947, who attended the Miss America Contest in Atlantic City last summer, told the Daily Pacifican Army paper today that she intends to enter a convent and become a nun.

She said: "I'm getting bored with this social life and being invited to so many dances. I have decided to be a nun."

As the winner of the Philippine Airlines beauty contest Miss de Castro, a Baguio high school freshman, was taken on a whirl to Hollywood and Atlantic City.

Since her return here several months ago she has found her Cinderella role hard to discard.—Associated Press.

She Wants To Be A Good Girl

"Give me a longer prison term. I want to be a good girl. I am ashamed of my present profession. Give me a chance to learn something."

This plea was made by 25-year-old Mary Li, spinster, of no fixed abode, when she was fined $25, or ten days imprisonment, by Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of disorderly conduct.

According to Inspector J. Orem, accused was shouting and swearing outside the Queen's Restaurant, Nathan Road, about 10 p.m. on Dec. 29, causing a large crowd to collect.

There was no doubt that she had been drinking, said Insp. Orem, who added that she was a well-known character.

From the dock, defendant stated that several European had been borrowing money from her and she was only trying to obtain repayment of a loan that night.

Seattle, Dec. 30.

The Chinese nosed out the Hawaiian All Stars 48 to 43 on Sunday in the finals of the first annual Oriental-American basketball tournament.

Willie Wong led San Francisco with 27 points. The Chicago Huskies took the consolation finals for third place by defeating the Seattle Nisei 45 to 27.—Associated Press.

Letters From Readers

Kina Necessities

Sir,—Several friends of the Matti family are sending clothing to the Mattis by CALI 'plane on 31st December but it occurs to us there might be other friends of the Mattis and other Hong Kong passengers of the ill-fated "Kina" who might wish to send articles of clothing to Manila.

It would be appreciated if, through the medium of your valuable newspaper, the public be informed that any packages of clothing sent to our office in Union Building, Hong Kong or to our Airline Office, Peninsula Arcade, Kowloon, up to 7th January, will be despatched to Manila by CALI 'plane free of charge.

Yours Faithfully,
GOURLIE & CO. (H. K.) LTD.

41 DECORATED FOR GALLANTRY

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Divisional Officer R.H.J. Brooks and Station Officer C. Browne, King's Police and Fire Services Medal for Gallantry:—With complete disregard for their personal safety, these officers performed valuable rescue work on the occasion of a severe fire on the s.s. "Sai On" on Feb. 4, 1947.

Mr. D.H. Blake, Colonial Fire Services Medal for Meritorious Service:—Mr. Blake performed admirable and gallant work as head of the Auxiliary Fire Service during the hostilities in 1941.

Inspector W.N. Darkin, Colonial Police Medal for Gallantry:—Inspector Darkin displayed exceptional courage and great devotion to duty through the Japanese attack on the Colony, particularly in regard to the internal security of the Colony.

Police Constable Yau Fuk, Colonial Police Medal for Gallantry:—Police Constable Yau Fuk performed gallant conduct in aiding two persons in a heavy sea when a Police launch was struck by a mine near Pingchau Island in July 1946.

Lance Corporal Chan Sang, Colonial Public Medal for Gallantry:—Lance Corporal Chan Sang displayed great courage on special patrol in Dec., 1946, when he and an Emergency Unit constable apprehended two suspects, one of whom opened fire and wounded Chan Sang.

BEM Awards

The British Empire Medal was awarded to the following for exceptionally brave and loyal conduct during hostilities:

Mr. Au Fai, Mr. L. B. Chin Fen, Mr. William Cheng, Mr. Chung Tak Kwong, Mr. Andrew Chan, Mr. William Chong Gun, Mr. Iman Din, Mr. Lau Ming Sai, Mr. Lee Lup, Mr. Li Ting Sang Mr. David Lam, Mr. Nai Kwong Ma, Mr. John Pau, Mr. Tong Wo, Mr. Tse Dickaun, Mr. Wong Sik Kuen, Mr. Michael Wong Tshin On, Mr. C.H. Parsons, Mr. Vincent Young, Mr. Yick Chung Lee.

Mr. Richard Maiig and Mr. Emundo da Silva—British Empire Medal:—These to constables at considerable risk to their own lives extricated four persons who had been buried under the debris of a bomb damaged house which collapsed in Aug. 1946.

The King's Commandation was awarded to the following for gallant and distinguished conduct during hostilities:—

Mr. Percy Cheng, Mr. Ip Ming Yan, Mr. Kwan Wing Hong, Mr. William Lee, Mr. Leung Chung Yee, Mr. Pang Kwok Yee, Mr. Tsang Chan Fook, Mr. Wu Wai Kay.

A Medal For Police

Inspector W. N. Darkin was yesterday awarded the Colonial Police Medal for Gallantry for "exceptional courage and great devotion to duty through the Japanese attack on the Colony" in 1941.—China Mail Photo.

TOILET GOODS MAKERS WANT DUTY RELIEF

A petition, seeking relief from the new system of levying duty in respect of locally-manufactured toilet goods, was submitted yesterday by the Chinese Manufacturers' Union on behalf of 10 leading Hong Kong's manufacturer of toilet preparations, to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for transmission to the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

The petition contends that local manufacturers of toilet preparations are, in view of the high rate of duty, unable to offer any competition to imported products and will be forced out of business unless the system of levying duty is revised.

The petition says the new rate of duty is inquitable and unfair. If points out that as duty on imported products is now payable on the f.o.b. price ex shipping port, it means that the freight, insurance, landing delivery and storage charges, bank interest and commission, agent's commission, brokerage, as well as the importer's estimated profit, are not taken into consideration when assessing the tax.

"By way of illustrating how the revised duty discriminates against locally made products, the petition includes a table of comparison setting forth the duty payable on a few well-known brands, both local and imported, in accordance with the new and old tariffs.

It stresses that while the increase in duty under the revised system on imported goods is comparatively small, the increase on locally manufactured products is staggering.

"We have been and are still greatly hampered by the exorbitant cost of local labour, transportation and materials as well as decreased production.

"Our difficulties are now being considerably aggravated by the new rate of duty which has the effect of placing our products at a much greater disadvantage than hitherto in comparison to imported goods adds the petition.

Personalia

Passengers aboard the BOAC flying-boat from Singapore which arrived on Monday were Major S.P.M. Sutton, Dr. C. P. Allen, Messrs W.F.G. Harris, Kong Sankin, Lau Chang, Lum Sun-seong, C.Y. Lee, A.E. Hughes, Rosser, K.Y. Kam, Miss B.M. Ozzrie, Mrs. Kong Cheung-may, Mrs. C. Y. Lee, Mrs. C.Y. Kam and Master Kong Njit-fen.

Hong Kong Airways brought from Shanghai on Monday the following passengers: Messrs B. W. Talbot, Eric Watts, I.A. Mackenzie, Fauveau, K.L. Chen, C. Y. Chen, T.W. Tung, R.C. Cheng, S.F. Fu, Cheung Kuo-chun, Lee Ping-cheng, K.Y. Ho, Mrs. B.W. Talbot, and the Misses Betty Talbot, E. Anderson, T.V. Chang and Cheng Po-kin.

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Cathay Pacific Airways passengers from Hong Kong to Manila yesterday included:—Mr. Go Soon Tai, Mr. Go Si Lay, Mrs. Tan Ty, Mr. Ang Chiu Chai, Mr. Go Tob, Mr. Go Sui, Mr. Aw Young Guan, Mr. Chua Ma Chio, Mr. Te Sin Keng, Mr. Tan Eng, Mr. King Hiolo, Mr. Ong Eng Foo, Mr. Ang Ki Ui, Mr. David Gan, Mr. Lim Bit Tee, Mr. Ng Sui Yam, Mr. So Pin Bio, Mr. Co Sang, Mr. Go It, Captain Wynn, Mr. Lung Lam.

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It is a long established custom for Catholics to sing a 'Te Deum' in their Churches on the last night of the year, and this year this ceremony is being broadcast from St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Garden Road, at 6.30 p.m.

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The Rev. John M. Spada of the Catholic Mission Fathers yesterday celebrated his 81st birthday. He will sing a High Mass in honour of the occasion at 8 a.m. in the Catholic Cathedral to-morrow.

Father Spada is one of the oldest European residents in the colony, having arrived in Hong Kong in 1892. He has occupied several important positions, among them that of Acting Vicar Apostolic after the death of the late Mgr. Pozzoni. For many years Fr. Spada was also Rector of Rosary Church in Kowloon which he founded in 1900.

"BIG BEN" WILL CHIME AGAIN

Listeners over ZBW are reminded that at midnight tonight they will hear the chimes of Big Ben, ushering in the New Year.

CHINA UNDERWRITERS MEETING

Chairman's Report Is Optimistic

"The fall in renewal of income is an adverse factor if the company is to be built up satisfactorily and it is highly desirable in the future interests of the Company that premium income should be maintained.

"The encouraging results of new business for the years 1946 and 1947 give every reason to hope that we can resume an upward trend in Premium Income and in fact I think it is probable that the Life Premium Income for 1947 will not fall far short of the Income for 1940 and that the following year will show a further increase," said Mr. H. J. Armstrong, Chairman, at the annual general meeting of the China Underwriters, Limited held in the Company's office yesterday.

In the course of his speech, the Chairman said:

"Although the accounts before you are of necessity still to some extent approximate, they are very considerably more accurate than the statement for 1945 and may be considered, for all practical purposes, to give a true representation of the Company's Revenue and Balance Sheet position at the end of 1946.

"It will be borne in mind that the Statement of Affairs at 31st December, 1945, though in form of a Balance Sheet, contained several large items which were admittedly very approximate, e.g., the estimated outstanding Life Claims and the estimated Policy Loans.

"The relative items in the Statement of Affairs have been taken as the initial entries in our books for the 1946 Revenue Accounts, and, in dealing with the accounts before you, I will refer to the adjustments which have become necessary in that statement as the result of further information since obtained.

"In the Statement of Affairs for 1945 the sum of $714,631 was allocated generally to Life, Fire, Accident and Marine Insurance Funds.

"This total figure has now been reallocated to the various funds in the following manner: after allocating sufficient funds at the beginning of the year to show a balance on 31st December, 1946 to cover reserves for unexpired risks of 40% of the 1946 premium income in the Fire and Accident Accounts and 60% in the Marine Account, the balance has been carried to Life Fund.

Individual Accounts

"I come now to the Individual Accounts for 1946.

"LIFE REVENUE ACCOUNT: The New Premiums at $376,397, although mainly derived from Hong Kong and Burma with a small amount from Malaya, are very considerably higher than in any previous year of the Company's working, the figures for 1940 and 1939 being for reference, $127,055 and $118,605 respectively.

"The Renewal Premiums for 1946 at $175,246 are very much reduced from the Renewal figure for 1940 ($588,633) owing to the business which went off the books by claims, surrenders, and lapses for 4 years with no new business to replace it, but the effect is obviously to reduce very considerably the Company's actuarial liability.

"It is highly desirable to build up the renewal income again, and the results for 1946 and the current year give every reason to anticipate that this will be accomplished very quickly.

"Back premiums for 1941 to 1945 for policies which went off the books during the war years are shown separately in the Life Revenue Account.

"The Life Assurance Fund at December 31, 1946, after transferring $100,000 from Profit and Loss and $100,000 released from Outstanding Claims reserve, shows an increase over the Life Assurance Fund allocated at the beginning of the year.

"FIRE, ACCIDENT & MARINE REVENUE ACCOUNTS: The premiums in all these accounts were considerably less than in 1940, although the Marine premiums exceeded the 1939 figure in spite of war risk premiums being much reduced. Business was practically confined to Hong Kong and Accident business was not recommenced until August 1946.

"Claims were light and, with the allocations to the various funds made at the beginning of the year, the balances at the end of the year were sufficient to provide (as I have already stated) Reserves for unexpired risks of 40% of the year's Premiums in the Fire and Accident Accounts and 60% of the year's Premiums in the Marine Account. In addition, we have transferred from Profit and Loss $20,000 to the Fire Fund and $10,000 to the Accident Fund for contingences.

"PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT: This Account includes the interest not carried to other accounts and the profit on Sales of Shares, also sundry small adjustments in assets and liabilities for which the 1945 figures proved incorrect. The following sums have been transferred from the Profit & Loss Account:—

To the Life Assurance Account	$100,000
To the Fire Insurance "	20,000
To the Accident Insurance "	10,000
	$130,000

"Leaving a balance of $22,289 which it is proposed should be carried forward to 1947.

"BALANCE SHEET: The Capital paid up shows a small increase over the figure in the 1945 Statement of Affairs owing to a small amount of Calls paid in 1941 which were not shown in last year's account and which have come to light in the examination of shareholders' certificates.

Reserves

"The General Reserve Fund has been maintained at $100,000 and the Investment and Exchange Reserve stands at $70,102, the realised profit on sale of securities during 1946 having been taken to Profit and Loss instead of crediting it to Investment Fluctuation Reserve as was usually done in the past, as the margin between the market value and the book value of the investments was considerable and it was therefore deemed unnecessary to augment this Reserve.

"The Outstanding Life Claims reserved for at December 31, 1945 were found to have been considerably overestimated and a net release of $100,000 to Life Revenue Account has consequently been made. Allowing for this adjustment, the figure of $1,168,460 at December 31, 1946 includes all known claims, many of which arose during the years 1941 to 1945 which for various reasons had not been settled at the end of 1946, and an estimated figure of $250,000 for further claims still unreported.

"Loans on Life Policies of $1,028,243 were only slightly less than the estimate in the 1945 Statement of Affairs although a large number of loans have been repaid. This arose from the fact that our 1945 figure was a conservative estimate and in fact understated the loans at that date by some $200,000.

"The General Reserves against contingencies include the balance of Profit & Loss Account $22,230, the General Reserve Fund of $100,000, the Investment and Exchange Reserve Fund of $70,102 and a fairly considerable margin between the Market Values and Book Values of our investments.

"Apart from these Reserves the Life Assurance Fund and paid up Capital of the Company amount to $2,450,466 which together form the security for Life policy holders, that is the reserve against Actuarial Liabilities.

"With a much reduced Life Renewal Income due to the absence of new business for the 4 years from 1942-1945 there can be little doubt that the above assets will provide a fairly large margin over the Actuarial Liabilities and the actuarial position of the Company is, we can reasonably hope, considerably better than it has ever hitherto been.

"The actuarial valuation of the Policy Liabilities as at December 31, 1946 is now in course of preparation.

"I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1946."

Supporters

Supporting the Chairman were: The Hon. Leo d'Almada E. Castro, Messrs. J.W. Anderson, Li Tse-fong, I.W. Shewan and H.R. Sturt.

Shareholders present were: J. Dick, A.A. Botelho, R.P. Mardulyn, Marcel Ubaghs, G.A. Pentreath, F.G. Barros, Fung Kung Ho, Wong Mau Keung and Soo Pui Chen.

After the adoption of the accounts and the report Mr. H.J. Armstrong and Mr. Li Tse-fong were re-elected directors of the company.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Percy Smith & Co. were re-elected as auditors for the ensuing year.

Hong Kong Men May Enlist In British Army

Headquarters Land Forces are now commencing recruiting of locally-enlisted personnel into the British Regular Army.

These personnel will take their place in some of the Administrative Units at present stationed in Hong Kong.

The majority of the vacancies at present are with various branches of the Royal Army Service Corps, but there are also openings in the Royal Engineers Royal Army Ordinance Corps, and on the establishment of various Headquarters; later there will probably be vacancies with the Royal Signals and the Royal Army Medical Corps.

The vacancies open are therefore for drivers, clerks, watermen, technicians and tradesmen.

Men who volunteer will be liable to serve outside Hong Kong, but it is not the intention, except in an emergency that they should do so.

Men will be enlisted on a Regular Short Service engagement for 3 years with the colours, with no reserve liability.

It may later be decided to increase the length of service, in which case those already serving would be given the option of extending their service—if they were suitable.

Recruits must be of British nationality, medically fit, and between the ages of 18-30 years.

Recruiting is open to untrained men, and during their service these men will not only be trained as soldiers but many of them will learn a trade. During their service all men will be given the opportunity to learn English.

On enlistment recruits will receive $1.35 a day as basic pay, unless they have special qualifications, in which case they will receive a higher rate.

Their pay rises progressively during their service, the highest rate being $6.50 a day for a Warrant Officer.

In addition, locally-enlisted personnel receive rehabilitation allowance at half the prevailing civilian rate, plus free food, uniform, and single accommodation in Barracks.

They will be entitled to N.A.A.F.I. and Army recreational facilities.

Taking the rehabilitation allowance for November as half $80 for a basic wage of $40.50 a month, the total emolument would have been $85.50, plus the free service provided for the soldier of food, uniform and accommodation.

Reminders

Today

A.S. Watson & Co. Ltd., annual meeting, H.K. Hotel, 12 noon.

Watch-Night Service, St. Andrew's Church, 11.30 p.m.

Te Deum & Benediction, all Catholic Churches, 5.30 p.m.

She Travelled 6,000 Miles To Marry

Watford, Hertfordshire, Dec. 30.

So that she could be married at the church where her father and mother were wed, Miss Gwendoline Elizabeth Weltzel of Venezuela travelled 6,000 miles by land, sea and air for her wedding at St. John's Church here today.

The bridegroom, Mr. Douglas G. Crew, also of Venezuela, travelled with her.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Weltzel, her parents, journeyed from Buenos Aires with the bridesmaid, Miss Le Bas. The bride and bridegroom will later go to Malaya. — Reuter.

Londoners Switch Back To Sleet

London, Dec. 30.

Snow which blanketed the north of Britain yesterday, today spread to the south and Londoners coming out of their offices for lunch shivered in a shower of sleet.

Further south in the Straits of Dover, the temperature fell to 28 degrees Fahrenheit—the lowest this month. The outlook is "continuing cold."

But the first heavy snowfalls of winter so far remain confined to the north, where mountain roads are slippery and dangerous and where fog is delaying trains up to two hours.

Carlisle today registered eight degrees of frost. In the Derbyshire peak district a blizzard left behind a layer of snow, from three to nine inches deep and snow-ploughs were working throughout the night to keep the main roads open.

In the Liverpool area, overnight hailstorm froze into sheets of ice, bringing traffic almost to a standstill.—Reuter.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Subscriptions received on Dec. 30, 1947.

Mr. S.W. Lee $10,000, Messrs. Palmer & Turner $5,000, Hong Kong Football Association (Stanley Shield Competition $2,562.38, Double Tenth Match $2,036.94)—$4,599.32, American International Underwriters, Ltd. $2,000, The Hong Kong Hotel Garage Ltd. $2,000, Metropolitan Land Co., Ltd. $1,000, The Underwriters Bank Inc. $1,000, Messrs. Robertson Wilson & Co., Ltd. $1,000, Various Members of Hong Kong Jockey Club $700, (Young Women's Christian Association $200, Mrs. H. T. Peng $20, Mrs. T.C. Wang $20, Mrs. P.C. Kwok $20, Mrs. Fung, Ping Fan $50, Mrs. H.F. Tai $20, Mrs. Lo Kwong To $20, Mrs. James T. Choy 350, Mrs. S.Q. Phoon $50, Mrs. C. K. Cheng $20, Mrs. Wong Wah Lum $10, Mrs. Lam Chik Suen $50, Mrs. P.K. Au $20, Mrs. Shin Kwei Sang $10, Mr. & Mrs. Lambert Kwok $100)—$660, Messrs. Optorg Co., (Malaya) Ltd. $500, Staff & Students Diocesan Boys' School $283, Mr. G.W. Sewell $250, Mr. & Mrs. S. Mason $250, K.B.G.C. Raffle $250, Messrs. D. Chellaram $101, Dr. T. J. Hua, O.B.E. $100, Dr. & Mrs. B.C. Wong $100, Mr. F. McD. Courtney $100, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Blake $100, Mr. & Mrs. J.G. Jones $50, Dr. W.C. Tsan, M.B., B.S. $30. In Memory of the late Mrs. Aimes White From Mr. & Mrs. C.W.L. Spradbery, $10.—Total $30,083.32 Hong Kong Government Contribution $30,083.32. Received to Dec. 29, 1947, $3,527,226.60. Grand Total $3,587,393.24.

Food And Fuel Costs

Food & Fuel Costs for the week ending Dec. 27, 1947.

	catties	
Rice & Flour	7.2	$4.5700
Vegetables	1.9	1.0260
Salt Cabbage	.2	.3200
Oil	.7	1.7360
Tea	.2	.0800
Salt Fish	.3	.0870
Fish	.4	.0080
Pork	.3	.0040
Firewood	10.0	.0000
Bean Curd, 14 pieces		.7000
Total		$8.0110

Rehabilitation Allowance

The average of the Food and Fuel figures for the weeks ending 11.10.47 to 27.12.47 is $13.20.

The Rehabilitation Allowance for the month of January, 1948 will therefore be:—

Daily-paid Workers

Artisans	$5.00 per day
Coolies	2.40 "
Females	1.80 "

Monthly-paid Workers

Males	$84.00 per month
Females	60.00 "

E. C. E. HAWKINS,
Commissioner of Labour.

COOLIE AND VEGS. BOTH WENT

Kam King, a coolie, was engaged by the caterer at Central Police station to carry 75 catties of vegetables from the market. In Hollywood Road, near the station, both men set to rest for a while, but on the caterer looking round, he found that the coolie and the vegetables had disappeared.

Later it was found that the coolie had sold the vegetables, valued at $22, for $10. He was arrested, and, at Central yesterday, Mr. F.X. d'Almada sentenced him to one month's imprisonment.

FOOD PARCELS FUND

Following is a list of Donations received up to Dec. 27:—Hong Kong Football Association, Proceeds of Malayn Series of Football Matches $2,421.64. Already acknowledged—$22,879.75—Total $25,301.39.

BUS STRIKERS INSIST HOLD-UP WILL GO ON

"There is no possibility whatsoever of the bus services in Hong Kong being restored in the immediate future, unless the China Motor Bus Co., Ltd., accepts the demands of its employees" said a spokesman of the strikers when interviewed by the "China Mail" last night at the strikers' headquarters.

This spokesman described the reports which had been circulating to the effect that bus services would be resumed shortly, as propaganda on the part of the employers, directed towards intimidating the strikers into an "unconditional surrender."

Questioned regarding the enlistment of new drivers to take over the posts of those on strike, the spokesman said that some 50 coolies from the Chiu Chow and Hoi Luk Fung Districts were recruited by the Company recently.

It was the hope of the Company that these men, after an accelerated course of training, would be passed out as fit to drive public buses.

When they enlisted, these coolies were not aware of the true situation between the Company and the strikers.

They had since been informed and as a result, some 30 immediately resigned, leaving about 20 still undergoing training.

The strikers were most sceptical about the Police Traffic Department passing out any individual, who had undergone an accelerated course of training, as fit to drive a public bus.

"Safety First"

"The safety of the public must be taken into consideration and to pass out individuals who had undergone an accelerated course of training, who had only just come out from the interior, and knew nothing about the traffic problems of a big city like Hong Kong, would be tantamount to releasing a horde of wild beasts on the streets" declared the spokesman.

The spokesman commented that the strikers had applied to the authorities for permission to run lorries in order to relieve the transport problem.

No sanction had yet been received to run these lorries, it being intimated that the decision rested with the Commissioner of Police.

While the "China Mail" reporter was interviewing the strikers' spokesman, representatives from various fellow Unions were calling in and handing over contributions which are being made to assist the strikers.

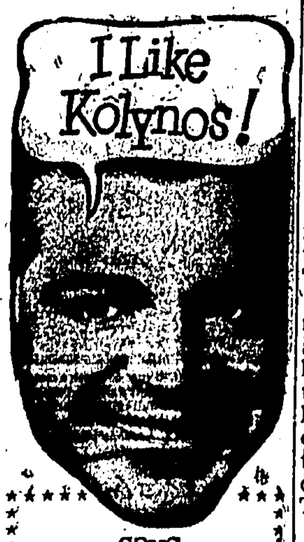
The spokesman also showed the "China Mail" reporter several hundred letters which had been addressed by the Company to the strikers asking them to report for duty.

Concluding the interview, the spokesman said that the demands of the strikers, namely, gratuity after ten years' service, were most reasonable, having regard to the fact that the men had already made a number of concessions.

THE WHISKERS CLUB

While the animals were taking their share of gifts from the treasure bowl Whisk turned to Flop the Frog and asked him the secret.

"It's very simple," said Flop. "When you found the bowl it said, only earth itself is treasure. From it come the best of things."



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Tenancy Case Exemption

His Excellency the Governor-in-Council, acting on the recommendation of a Special Tenancy Tribunal comprising Mr. Hin-shing Lo (Chairman), and Mr. E. Hospes and Mr. Chung Kwan-hing (Members), has, so the "China Mail" is reliably informed, exempted 13 Queen's Road Central from the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947.

The premises in question are at present occupied by the St. Francis Hotel. It is the intention of Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., owners of the property, to demolish the present out-dated and out-moded building and to erect in place thereof a modern ten-storied building.

Work on the demolition of 11 Queen's Road Central, which adjoins 13 Queen's Road Central, has already commenced. The proposed new structure will cover the area at present occupied by 11 and 13 Queen's Road Central.

The recommendation to His Excellency the Governor-in-Council was made by the Special Tenancy Tribunal under Section 32 of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947, after protracted legal proceedings.

Interviewed by the "China Mail" yesterday, a representative of the St. Francis Hotel Co., (1933) Ltd., intimated that his Company proposed to institute proceedings challenging the right of His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief to grant the exemption.

LOITERING

After being told to go home and to stop loitering about in the Gloucester Arcade, Tam Shu Tim, 17, of no fixed abode and no occupation, still loitered so he was arrested by Insp. J.P. Waldron of the "C.I.D." Central and appeared at the Central Magistracy on a charge of loitering with intent.

Defendant pleaded "Not Guilty" but after the evidence was heard was found Guilty and ordered to be expelled from the Colony as an undesirable character.

Insp. Waldron prosecuted.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 843 kilocycles from 12.15 to 1.15, 6.00 to 11.00 p.m. and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.15 to 1.15, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

H.K.T.

12.15 p.m.—Studio: Morning Prayer.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Resumed.
12.32 p.m.—Dorothy Bedford (Vocal) with Billy Reid and His Orchestra and Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.15 p.m.—Orchestra, Interlude.
1.15 p.m.—"Old Friends" and "Other Days".
1.30 p.m.—Studio: Sof Faller and His Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Studio: Children's Hour with: B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Pilgrims Progress".
6.30 p.m.—Relay from St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, Solemn Te Deum.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.
7.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: Geoerg Melachkino & His Strings.
7.30 p.m.—Studio: "I Bring You Music" Classical Request Programme presented by Marion Glover.
8.30 p.m.—Favourite Classical Request of the Year 1947.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.11 p.m.—Favourite Variety Requests of the Year 1947.
9.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Road Gists" by F.O. Wren Edmonds. 3—"The Law of the Legion".
10.00 p.m.—Studio: "Here We Go A Wassailing" Written and Produced by John Hilliard and Kenneth Dommett.
10.30 p.m.—Music and Song of All Countries.
11.00 p.m.—"Cabaret" and Dance Music. British and American Bands play old Favourites.
12.00 p.m.—His Day Closes. Studio Party for Staff and Contributors.
12.10 p.m.—Close Down.

THE FIGHT AGAINST T.B.

Above in the $70,000 Mass X-Ray Photographic plant recently acquired by the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association and installed at Queen Mary Hospital.

With this equipment, it will now be possible to take an average of 100 exposures an hour.

The present system, at the Queen Mary Hospital using out-dated equipment can only accommodate 150 to 200 exposures a day. — China Mail Photo.

They Said She Had Tampered With The Meter

The allegation that defendant tampered with the electric meter and so defrauded the China Light & Power Co. of various sums of money between April and November, 1947, was made by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi when Ng Wai, 30, married woman, was charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr with fraudulently consuming a quantity of electricity.

Mr. Bernacchi, instructed Mr. M. W. Lo of Messrs. Lo & Lo, prosecuted, assisted by Sub-Inspector Macdonald Mr. A. S. C. Comber of Messrs. Hastings & Co., appeared for the defendant.

Prior to opening the case, Mr. Bernacchi preferred an additional charge of fraudulently consuming a quantity of electricity on the night of Nov. 25 against accused.

In his outline of the case, Prosecuting counsel said that on the night in question an Inspector and two assistants of the China Light were checking meters.

At 380 Prince Edward Road they found that a meter was not registering and that the terminal box had been tampered with and the wires reversed.

They carried out a test on the outside, which proved conclusively that theft of electricity had taken place.

Who's Knocking

Further tests showed them where the theft had taken place and they decided to enter the flat. When they got to the floor they knocked at the door. A female voice asked who was knocking, and the Inspector replied that they were from the China Light.

The door was not opened to them. After two or three minutes all the lights in the flat went out. The inspecting party waited for half an hour, at the end of which the door was opened.

On entering the flat, continued Mr. Bernacchi, they found what they alleged was the illegal connection.

They found markings on a water tap near where three power plugs were installed.

Questioned, defendant said that at that time, she was the principal tenant and paid all the electric bills.

The accounts were made out in the name of another person but, alleged prosecuting counsel, accused said that she had been back for some time and that the other person was no longer in charge of the flat.

She was the only responsible person on the flat at the time. The only other occupants then were an amah and a young boy.

"The time which elapsed," submitted counsel, "before she opened the door was sufficient for her to dispose of all evidence of the illegal connection."

Mr. R. H. V. Ribeiro, chief tester and installation engineer of the China Lights, gave technical evidence as to what would happen when the two wires (positive and neutral) in the terminal box of a meter were reversed.

After detailing the various tests he made when he found Meter 35836 was not registering Mr. P. E. F. Rozario, meter inspector, declared that when his assistants and himself entered the second floor (after a Police constable from Kowloon City had obtained admittance for them) they found three power sockets installed in the pantry.

Below these sockets was a table, the centre of which was warm to the touch, as were the three plugs — a definite proof that the sockets had been in use recently, said witness.

Power Meter

He questioned defendant as to whether she had a power meter and, when she replied in the negative, proved to her that the sockets were "alive."

A small section of a water pipe, scraped right round, was found by one of the assistants, said witness.

When the testing wire was put round the pipe, and the other end connected to a socket, four of the lights went on.

Prior to this test, said witness, he had instructed his assistant to disconnect the negative lead at the terminal box. The lights went out.

Hearing will be continued this morning.

And The Band Played On

New Delhi, Dec. 30.

The band of the Rajputana Rifles played "Auld Lang Syne" when General Sir Robert Lockhart left New Delhi today after 31 years service in the Indian Army, from which he retired as Commander-in-Chief on New Year's Day.

Sir Robert Lockhart, who is on his way home to the United Kingdom, became Commander-in-chief of the Indian Army on August 15, after acting as Governor of the Northwest Frontier Province during the referendum, which resulted in the province's accession to Pakistan.

He will be succeeded as Commander-in-chief by Lieutenant-General F.R. Bucher (Chief-of-Staff who will be relieved on April 1 when for the first time in its history the Indian Army will be commanded by an Indian officer.—Reuter.

Obituary Notices

CAPT. G. BOWMAN

News has been received of the sudden death from heart failure in Tokyo of Captain George Bowman, former manager of the United States Lines in Hong Kong.

Captain Bowman left Hong Kong by the "Pres. Grant" on Dec. 23 for Tokyo to take over the managership of USL in Japan.

The deceased, who was extremely popular in local shipping circles, was 47 years of age.

He served in both World Wars.

In World War II he was within in the US Army in North Africa and Europe.

He joined the USL this year and left New York in June last to take up its managership in Hong Kong.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Martha M. Bowman, who resides at the Peninsula Hotel.

CAPT. EGAL

With full military honours the late Captain J.B.E.R. Egal was buried at the Catholic cemetery yesterday.

The Rev. Father Peter Chow officiated at the Chapel and at the graveside.

At the conclusion of the services at the graveside the French Consul General Mr. R.E. Jobez gave a speech in French after which the last post was sounded.

Besides the chief mourners, the son and the French Consul General, others present were: Major N. Garland, C. Thevenet, Mr. & Mrs. G. Abily, J. Russell, G.W. Grey, G.G. Wood, P.M.M. da Silva Jr., K.S. Robertson, A.R. Brown, D.C.H. Mellon, A.V. Skvorzov, Mrs. D.G. Ezra, Mr. & Mrs. A.V. Skvorzov, C. Aenuiphy, E. Strauss, Capt. R.T. Burch, F.P. Franklin, P. Mardulyn, G.M. Devreux, Morant, C. d'Almada E. Castro, A.A.C. Morant, P.A. Laroche, Prof. Simpson, Lt. V.R.N. Andrews, Capt. R.R. Davies, Lt. A.E. Perry, Trachenko, Lt. Frank Brett, Col. L.T. Ride, Col. Gwen-Hughes, Capt. I.E. Gamble, Capt. J. Wetton, Capt. G.H. Calvert, W. Stoker, Col. E.J.R. Mitchell, C.J. Roe, H.G.W. Woodhead and many others.

Floral tributes were sent by: Lt.-Col. & Mrs. E.J.R. Mitchell, Charles Pfister, Mr. & Mrs. H. Corra, Li Chow, Kenneth and Joan Barnett, Capt. and Mrs. R.E. Smith, Kam Cheung Yan, Prof. & Mrs. R.K.M. Simpson, Mr. & Mrs. Silva, Management and staff of Marconi (China) Ltd., Mr. & Mrs. D.C.H. Mellon, Members and staff of Egal and Company, Capt. & Mrs. R.W. Bateman, All comrades of Hughes Group, H.K.V.D.C. (Capt. R.T. Burch), The French Consul General, Mr. & Mrs. E.F.E. Meredith, Emile Ott, Marcel Ubaghs, Emile and George Boulard and many others.

Tobacco Strike In Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 30.

Several hundred workers of the Yee Tsoong Tobacco Company (better known as the British - American Tobacco Company) factory in the eastern district of Shanghai went on strike today and locked in the foreign and Chinese staff members for several hours as labour and management disputes over the year-end bonus spread.

According to official information, some few thousand workers of the 12 labour guilds (unions) are at present either on a go slow strike or have walked out over the bonus issue.

In the majority of these disputes, the workers are objecting to the management's intention of paying the officially sanctioned one-month year-end bonus in two instalments.

Meanwhile staff members of the Chinese Maritime Customs today declared a go-slow strike to enforce their demand for a four million Chinese dollar "winter clothing fee", each and two months pay as a year-end bonus.

The strikers decided to send a delegation to the Ministry of Finance in Nanking to appeal for "a better wage treatment" in line with the actual living cost here.

The strikers said today that they had to work slower as the salaries did not allow them "eat meals large enough for efficient work."—Reuter.

PICKED EUROPEAN'S POCKET

Pleading guilty to picking the pocket of Mr. Nelson Slater of the European Y.M.C.A., while in a tram in Queen's Road East Leung Wan-chun, 22, a hawker was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

The wallet which contained $400 and documents was returned to the owner.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 17th day of January 1948.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 20th day of Dec. 1947.

WILKINSON & GRIST, Solicitors for the Administrator of the estate of the said deceased.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the ONE HUNDRED and TWENTY THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company, will be held at the Office of the Company, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Monday, 12th January, 1948, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts in respect of 1946 and Re-electing Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
H. DA LUZ, Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th Dec., 1947.

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Hongkong, 31st Dec., 1947.

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B.B.C. RUNS INTO TWO SORTS OF TROUBLE

London, Dec. 29.

The British Broadcasting Company faces an entertainment crisis today because of its refusal to carry advertisements.

The Theatre Managers Association, which controls the activities of most of the best known performers on the British stage, has announced the intention to withdraw its artists, starting on January 1, unless the BBC gives radio recognition to the manager holding the artist's contract.

This has been done in the past by stating on the air "so and so appears by kind permission of etc." Now the BBC wishes to restrict these acknowledgments to the official programme printed in "Radio Times" which it publishes.

Theatre managers contend, however, that film organisations and stars are constantly receiving such acknowledgments and that they want the same privileges.

This is not the only headache facing the £10,000,000 a year broadcasting company to which all British radio and television set owners pay a licence fee of £1 annually.

Frederic Dambman, a mild-mannered man whose only resemblance to America's James C. Petrillo is that he also heads a Musicians Union, has posed another problem.

Unlike his trans-Atlantic counterpart, Dambman rarely makes drastic demands on employers of musicians and even more rarely backs them with threats of strike action. But his Christmas present was a demand for an increase for certain types of programme. He wants musicians in theatres whose shows are broadcast—a regular BBC feature—to be paid the same £2 or £3 they would receive if they travelled to the studio. At present they receive 12s. 6d. extra per broadcast.

If the "strike" goes into effect on January 1, the BBC will have to find 12 hours a week of entertainment to replace the theatre broadcasts alone. This will involve the costly use of live talent since the Musicians Union already has an agreement limiting the number of recorded programmes.

Theatre managements aware of the tremendous advertising value of a show broadcast are considering paying the extra fees themselves.

Meanwhile, Dambman has indicated that there might be a sympathy "strike" in Britain against recording companies if Petrillo carried out his threat to halt recordings in the United States, to prevent records made in England from being shipped to the United States as strike-breakers.—United Press.

Free Trip To N.Z.

SOUTHAMPTON, DEC. 29.

MORE THAN 500 SINGLE MEN AND WOMEN EMIGRANTS SAILED FOR NEW ZEALAND IN THE LINER ATLANTIS FROM HERE YESTERDAY.

Their ages were between 25 and 30.

They were the first large group of British emigrants chosen by the New Zealand Government and are mostly ex-service men and women who will pay no fare. All have jobs to go to.

No married emigrants are going to New Zealand at present because of the shortage of houses.

The women now travelling will live in nurses' homes, hospitals and hostels and the men will go to hostels or hutted camps.—Reuter.

China Urged To Be Cautious

Shanghai, Dec. 30.

Influential Chinese are urging the Chinese Government to stay away from any Japanese peace conference in which Soviet Russia is not participating.

This view in set forth in an unusual article appearing in the liberal "Ta Kung Pao" signed by 52 persons, including newspaper editors, bankers and businessmen.

The "Ta Kung Pao" has a record for independent thinking.

Owned by the Political Science clique of the Kuomintang of which Premier Chang Chun is head, it also is a sounding board on occasion for Nanking.

The article, which asks the major powers to accept the Chinese Government's proposal for a preliminary peace conference is especially significant because Shanghai leaders have important influence on the government.

China's suggestion is that the preliminary gathering should include the eleven nations concerned in the war with Japan, subject to America, Britain, China and Russia exercising a virtual veto. This represents a compromise between the extremes offered by the Soviet Union on one hand and the Americans on the other.

The article warns China not to be hasty in concluding a Japan peace but to wait for a more "opportune moment" before calling the conference rather than surrender any of the principles China is insisting on.—Associated Press.

Fiancee Shot Dead In Xmas Tragedy

London, Dec. 29.

Richard Stanley Morris, 30, of Bridle Road, Stanfree, accidentally shot his 29-year-old fiancee Sybil Marriott on Christmas Eve when he produced a revolver as a joke.

At today's inquest a verdict of accidental death was recorded.

Morris, who was very distressed, said that on Christmas Eve, his birthday, Miss Marriott went with him into his parents' home to fill the children's stockings.

There were about a dozen people in the front room and his mother brought in a cockerel which they were having for dinner. He produced a six-chambered revolver which had been sent to him and jestingly said: "This is to keep poultry thieves away."

He then filled the chambers with cartridges and closed the revolver and was about to "break" it again to remove the cartridges when it went off.

Miss Marriott, who was sitting in an armchair about four yards away, exclaimed: "You have got me." He thought she was "gaming" so he put his arm around her neck but she collapsed and died.

The police stated that the revolver had a very light trigger.—Reuter.

SMALLPOX IN LEBANON

Baghdad, Dec. 29.

Anti-smallpox vaccine sufficient for 200,000 doses was today sent from Iraq to help combat an epidemic of smallpox in the Lebanon.

The Chief Health Officer of the Mosul district of Northern Iraq has issued an appeal to the nation and the tribes to undergo immediate inoculation against cholera, cases of which have recently been reported from Syria.

The closing of Iraq's borders adjoining Syria and Turkey has been ordered and rail and road traffic suspended until further notice.

A ban has also been placed on the movements of nomadic tribes.—Reuter.

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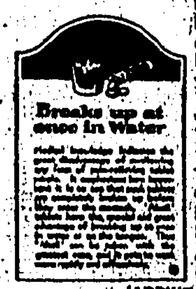

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SENATOR LEFT H.K. VERY HURT

Philippines Senator Jose Topacia Nueno left Hong Kong yesterday for Manila with sore feelings and a determination to obtain redress from the China National Aviation Corporation for what he described as "physical and mental suffering."

On the eve of his departure by air for the Philippines capital, Senator Nueno said that he was determined to sue the corporation for damages amounting to US$50,000 through its Manila office.

He said he had been greatly inconvenienced in China by the misdirection of his four suitcases from Manila.

He explained that when he arrived in Amoy from Manila on December 10 as a member of a Philippines Goodwill Mission to China he found his four suitcases had been misdirected to Hong Kong.

As a result, he could not make any social or official calls in the Chinese port as he possessed then only the kakhi uniform he wore when he left Manila.

It was not until a week later, he added, that he was informed that his suitcases were waiting for him in Shanghai.

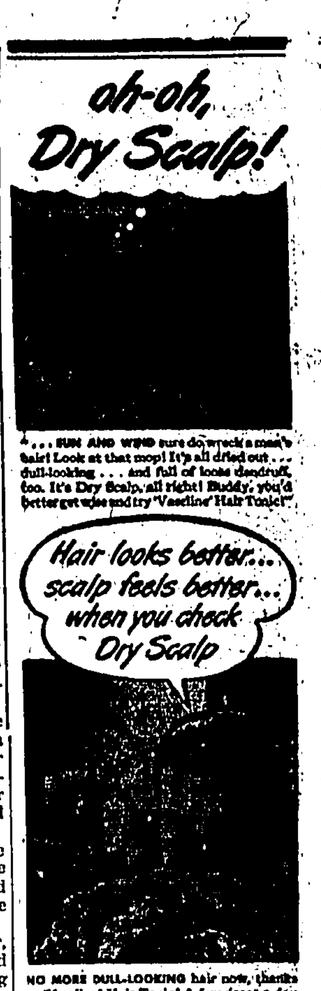
Because of this delay, his programme in China was upset and he had to cancel his visit to Nanking and return to the Philippines.

Senator Nueno holds the rank of Colonel.

He fought with the Filipino guerilla forces during the war against the Japanese in the Philippines. He is a lawyer by profession.

Belgrade, Dec. 30.

A priest, three nuns and nine other persons were sentenced to hard labour today by a court in Maribor on charges of helping war criminals to escape from Yugoslavia.—Associated Press.



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"BETTER THAN NOTHING"
Truman Signs Emasculated Inflation Bill

Objections To Restrictions

Washington, Dec. 29.

President Truman today signed the Republican-sponsored anti-inflation bill passed by the recent special session of Congress.

In a stinging rebuke, President Truman said he would sign the bill because it contained some measures needed now, but complained that it contained only three minor points from the 10-points anti-inflation programme which he recommended to Congress in November.

Asserting that nearly everyone in the nation was feeling the pressure of exorbitant prices, President Truman said: "This bill fails to include key measures which are essential to an effective anti-inflation programme. This bill will not reduce the high cost of living, and it will not keep prices from going even higher."

Saying that he would sign the bill with "deep disappointment" because of its inadequacy, President Truman warned that "inflation and the high cost of living confront the American people—all the American people—with a grave danger."

Interference

Denouncing the interference with the powers of the President, Mr. Truman said: "Another part of the bill which gives me great concern is section six. This section proposes that the President submit to Congress extremely detailed and specific recommendations for mandatory and conservation measures for scarce commodities.

"Presumably Congress would then determine in each case whether the conservation measures proposed by the President should be adopted and what the details of the measures should be, and pass legislation authorising them to be put into effect.

"It has long been an established practice for Congress to enact regulatory measures in general terms, leaving it to the administrative agencies to determine when the measures should be applied, on a basis of standards and conditions established by Congress.

"This has proved to be a practical and workable system. Section six of this bill now proposes substantially to reverse this historic process."

Far Too Late

The President also denounced the bill for refusing to give the Executive the power to compel business, industry and agriculture to comply, and said: "Every effort will be made, of course, to achieve whatever results are possible under the system of voluntary agreements.

"It is far too late in the fight against inflation, however to place our main reliance upon voluntary action."

He appealed to Congress, when it reconvenes in January to "enact promptly an effective and workable programme" to combat inflation.

President Truman gave details of the rise in prices since he addressed the special session of Congress on November 17. "When I spoke to Congress, a pound of butter in Washington cost 88 cents. Last week, here in Washington, butter reached a new high price of one dollar and five cents."

Snap Back

Republican leader Charles A. Halleck and Chairman Jesse P. Wolcott of the House Banking Committee snapped back that the bill, together with the powers the President previously held, is adequate to bring prices down.

Senator Wolcott added: "If prices are not brought down it will be the fault of the President and not Congress."

Senator Joseph Ball said the President's statement looked "pretty strongly like police" and Senator Halleck said the President was trying to revert to "radical New Dealism." He blamed the "disastrous loose fiscal policies of the administration" for high prices.

Democrats generally side with Mr Truman in denouncing the Republican anti-inflation bill as inadequate.—Reuter and United Press.

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Dogs To Used Dumps

Singapore, Dec. 30.

British Army authorities in Singapore propose to use war dogs to guard supply dumps against looting.

They have applied to the War Office for 50 dogs, of Alsatian blood strain or Alsatian mixed with the Labrator or Collie strains.

India's Air Force In Action

NEW DELHI, DEC. 29.

RIAF PLANES ATTACKED POSITIONS TAKEN UP BY RAIDING TRIBESMEN IN THE MIRPUR KOTLI AREA AND STRAFED THE RAIDERS ON THE URI ROAD. THE INDIAN DEFENCE MINISTRY SAID IN TONIGHT'S COMMUNIQUE ON THE FIGHTING IN KASHMIR.

Ammunition dumps were also destroyed by air bombing. Indian army troops shelled concentrations of raiders, inflicting casualties, the communique added.

Patrols using mortars engaged a party of raiders, who were carrying away loot and 200 cattle southwest of Deripatam.

In Bombay, two platoons of Indian troops, with Sten guns, were stationed at known storm centres in the industrial north of the city and a third stood by at police headquarters, as the biggest-ever one-day general strike of the city's half million workers began at midnight.—Reuter.

UMBERTO FLYING TO EGYPT

Lisbon, Dec. 29.

Prince Umberto, eldest son of ex-King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, was expected to leave here by air today for Alexandria, where his father died yesterday of a heart attack.

The former Crown-Prince, who had been living in Portugal since his father went into exile, first heard of Victor Emmanuel's illness yesterday in a cable asking him urgently to go to Egypt.—Reuter.

Japanese Get Life Sentence

Ipoh, Dec. 30.

A British War Crimes Tribunal, sitting in Taiping, has found three of four high-ranking Japanese officers guilty of using a Chinese political prisoner as a "guinea pig" in their experiments with what is locally known as the "Ipoh" poison, a highly deleterious tree-latex in common use among the aboriginal tribes of Malaysia.

Major Honjo Hiroshi, Capt. Utsu Nomiya and Capt. Hokamada Toshiko were sentenced to life imprisonment. Col. Otsuburo Minoru who, it was alleged, gave the order for the experiments was acquitted. The prosecution alleged that the experiment was carried out to study the effect of the "Ipoh" poison on the skin and blood of a human being. Prepared from the juice of the "Ipoh" tree with other ingredients, mainly arsenic, and possibly strychnine, scorpion, bee and snake venoms, the poison was extensively used by the natives of North Malaya and the Andaman islands for painting the tips of blowpipe arrows.

The trial lasted nearly a month. Witnesses, who had been employees or prisoners of the Japanese at the Gaol, established that of 20 prisoners in the condemned cells, Chan Pak was selected as being the fittest for the experiment.

Marks found on the deceased later gave the impression that blood had been drained from the body.

The sensational case had similar features to the medical experiment conducted by Nazi doctors in occupied Europe.—Reuter.

NEW MOTOR TAX

London, Dec. 29.

The new £10 flat rate car tax comes into force on Thursday for all new cars and those registered for the first time this year.

All the old cars will continue to be taxed at 25 shillings per horsepower.—Reuter.

Foreign Legion Escape Drama

Singapore, Dec. 29.

Ten members of the French Foreign Legion who jumped overboard from the French troopship, Marechal Joffre, bound for Indo-China, and safely reached Sitiawan, in West Malaya, said in an interview today that they had been "shanghaied" into the Legion and would not be taken back into it alive.

The French authorities here, it was understood, unsuccessfully claimed custody of these men. Legally, had the Legionnaires deserted while the ship was in port, they would have had to be returned to the ship.

The Malayan Department of Immigration is considering whether the men, six of whom are Italians, two Swiss, one German and one Dutch, should be returned to their birthplace, their country of citizenship, or to the port of embarkation—Oran.

The Legionnaires disclosed that they were three days adrift on a raft without food and with only rainwater to drink before they were picked up.

The escaped Legionnaires alleged that life in the Legion was "inhuman" and that a few men who tried to escape from the Marechal Joffre in the Mediterranean into Spanish Morocco were recaptured and shot after severe punishment.

The escapees added that they believed that seven other Legionnaires, who jumped from the ship in the Malacca Straits, were drowned.

Tani Disserach, a 27-year-old Swiss from Calais, said that he was spending a holiday in France when he got drunk and, on waking in the police lock-up without money or passport, was recruited into the Foreign Legion.

Erich Dietsch, aged 20, of Zurich, said that he was staying with friends in France when he was arrested as an illegal immigrant and given the choice of imprisonment or service in the Legion.

"Got Into Trouble"

Gerard Mars, a 20-year-old Dutchman, from The Hague, said that he went to Marseilles to see a brother off for Batavia. Running out of money, he "got into trouble" and was recruited into the Legion.

Peter Vichoff, 21, of Duesseldorf, a former corporal in the German Army, said that on being released from a prisoner-of-war camp, he found that his parents had been killed, and his home destroyed, so he volunteered for two years in the Legion, but later found that he had signed on for five years.

The six Italians said that they were attracted by French official offers of work and, after being arrested in Marseilles for illegal entry, were given the choice of prison or the Legion.—Reuter.

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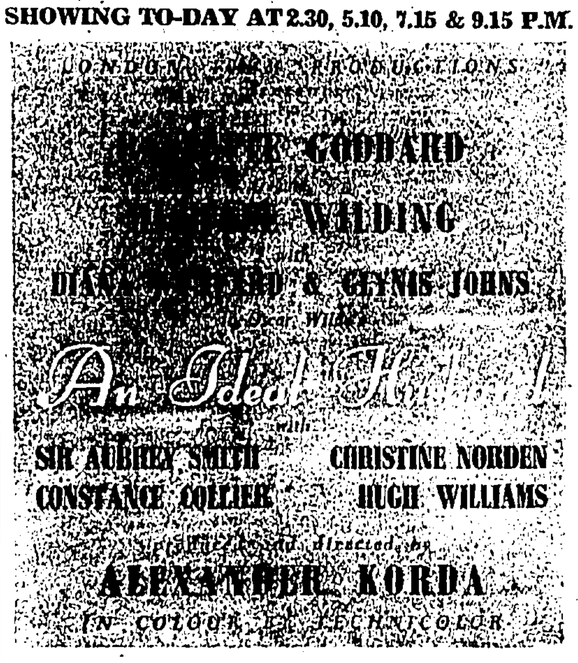

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TRADE TROUBLES

Britain's economic chief, Sir Stafford Cripps, whose responsibilities keep him constantly in the limelight is expected to utter a warning soon about an aspect of the struggle for recovery which has been overshadowed by the production drive. It is the problem of selling abroad what Britain produces.

The attainment of the export targets is being hampered by import restrictions in foreign markets. These barriers are raised because many foreign countries are in the same position as Britain—having a chronically unfavourable balance of payments, and thus being compelled, similarly, to restrict imports.

Britain is engaged in, or is about to engage in, trade negotiations with some 25 countries. These include Russia—Mr. Wilson's success in Moscow is a preliminary to further negotiations in May—Argentina, Canada, Finland, Jugoslavia, Brazil, Eire, Netherlands, Denmark, Uruguay, Sweden and Egypt.

All our negotiators can do is to press as strongly as possible for a quantity of our non-essential goods to be admitted at the same time as the goods which countries badly need from us—heavy engineering plant, electrical plant, and high grade textiles in particular. Greengrocers have been known to employ the same technique.

These world-wide economic activities are at once a measure of our need and a warning that good salesmanship, in which price is as important as quality and quantity, is essential if rising production here is to have its reward.

As to the Anglo-Russian agreement, it will be easier to assess the true political and economic significance of the agreement when the long term negotiations are concluded next May. The economic survival of Britain is bound up with Europe. Try as we may we can never escape that fact, and a large number of economists believe that if we can establish commercial relations with Russia and other Eastern European countries over a long period, there is a real chance that the present political tensions will be materially lessened. John Gordon in the "Sunday Express" sums up the situation when he says "From talks on trade, once we begin to trust each other a little more and fear each other a little less, we may well make an advance to co-operation in the wider field of world restoration."

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Election Speculation

Despite statements by members of the Government, from the Prime Minister down, that they have no intention of going to the country before the end of the Parliamentary term, there are many at Westminster, including some Labour men, who do not think the Government will last the course.

The stock argumentative question on this matter is: "Why should a Government with a big majority, and its plans for recovery in process, risk its life before it has to?" The answer to this by the election prophets is that it may have no choice.

They point to signs of cracking in Labour unity—to the fact that the Government's majority on the latest Order for direction of labour was only 45 and on the decision to suspend the basic petrol ration only 27. They think this trend may well be accentuated when, under sterner administration by Sir Stafford Cripps, the full blast of coming austerities is felt.

At the moment this is an imponderable. But there is little doubt that many labour men would sacrifice a Labour Government rather than see the whole Labour movement jeopardised by bad policy and administration.

Don Iddon's Diary

The U.S. has not become a global Santa Claus just to have its beard pulled by the Russians. Three more tugs by Molotov and this country will be in a mood to give up even commercial dealings with the U.S.S.R.

Here in America, swathed in its crimson Christmas cloak, laden with gifts, humming a carol and radiating good will, and what happens?

The Russians plant time-bombs among the presents on the sleigh, feed poison to the reindeer, and hiss insults in reply to the Yule song.

United States trade with Russia is very small—not more than 1.2 per cent. of America's total foreign commerce. There are many here who think erasure of that trade might help the Russians to their senses.

Some are urging an outright economic embargo, but there's no agreement on this and the Government shies away nervously even at its mention.

About further conferences, round-table meetings, and parleys with Molotov, however, there is near unanimity—the American public is "agin them."

Fortune's Lap

In New York we are on the final lap of the Christmas shopping rush. It has, of course, broken all previous records (it always does), and during one day alone the mammoth Macy store did close to 1,500,000 dollars' worth of business.

Prices are higher than ever, but shoppers are spending 6 per cent. more money than last year for goods and gifts.

The toy counters have been busy, and the best and most expensive toys come from abroad. We have sent some magnificent stuff—fine trains, soldier sets, puzzles, miniature war weapons.

World's Fare

I hate to talk about food, knowing your plight, but the reporting job must be done. There is every sort of food—pies, puddings, cakes, meat, fish, fowl, game, spices, sauces, fruit, chocolates, candy, and confectionery.

And there is every sort of drink; enough Scotch (25s. per bottle), rye, Bourbon, champagne, Burgundy, brandy, rum, gin, and vodka to float the combined Anglo-American Fleets. It is reasonably priced and unrationed.

Luxury goods, jewelled watches, fabulous necklaces, rings, bracelets, clasps, and bangles at anything from £100 to £5,000 are selling well.

Current issue of Time magazine describes C. V. R. Thompson, of the Daily Express, and myself as "grab bag gossips."

In a survey of the British Press it also says that American news rarely makes the front pages of our newspapers unless it is "such musicomedy stuff as the Hollywood heavings." Of course, it isn't so, but Time says it, and about 5,000,000 Americans who read the magazine will believe it.

I am getting rather tired of reading abuse of the British Press. We may have a little to learn from U.S. magazines in technique and production, but we have nothing to learn from the American daily newspapers.

These are, for the most part, almost Victorian in make-up and display.

Anyway, better a grab bag gossip than a wind bag weekly!

Making the Count

Sport continues to make New York news. Joe Louis is determined not to cancel his trip to Britain. He blames his poor showing against Jersey Joe Walcott on the "drying out process" he used before the fight to bring down his weight.

Walcott is now in the big-money class. He is asking 30 per cent. of the gate at the return match at the Yankee Stadium, and he will get it.

Gene Tunney, already a millionaire and one of the luckiest men in boxing, continues to stub his toe over mounds of dollars. Not only gold but uranium as well has been struck on Tunney's estate in Canada. The discovery is in the Tunney tradition—he drips wealth.

All around the town.—Austerity note. Furrier Al Teitelbaum has made a Christmas tree out of white mink, using 67 mink skins in all.

PICTURE OF THE AMERICAN SCENE

Mrs. John Jacob Astor appeared in a New York night club the other evening with her Chihuahua. The dog wore a sapphire necklace and a diamond ring on each paw.

Mink coats for dogs can be bought in some stores.

The cost of killing challenges the cost of living. The price of pistol permits has increased from 7s. 6d. to £2 10s. in Manhattan. Now people can't afford to shoot themselves or anyone else at these prices.

Taking about high prices, many housewives are adopting the New Look—they are wearing their faces longer.

Inflation has hit Hollywood and the entertainment industry where it hurts. Audiences, compelled to pay more for food, shelter, and clothes, have cut down their visits to theatres, cinemas, and night clubs.

Business has dropped 25-30 per cent. in cinemas and theatres in New York, Washington, and Chicago.

The Lion's Share

The film city is disconcerted that Britain continues to stand fast on the 75 per cent. tax imposed on American films. It has been jolted by a cool statement from Sir Arthur Garratt, managing director of British Lion, that no British theatre will close for lack of films whether American pictures are sent to the United Kingdom or not.

Sir Henry French, Director-General of the British Film Producers' Association, who has just left here for England, has also helped to put the Americans right. He has told film chiefs that Britain favours a compromise, but that there is no burning desire to abolish the 75 per cent. tax.

Bob Hope, who can talk about nothing but Britain since he returned from London, bless him, is bringing Sid Field over here to co-star with him in a series of American films. Bob is almost deliriously enthusiastic about Field's talent.

Mickey Rooney, who for years received less than £200 a week while he starred in the Andy Hardy series and made millions for M.G.M., is now getting over £1,000 weekly.

British-born George Sanders is being psycho-analysed in New York and is enjoying the process. Sanders is a more successful heartbreaker even than Errol Flynn.

Supreme toast of Broadway and all New York is Jessica Tandy—remember her at the Old Vic? Jessica says she hasn't had a hit like "A Street-car Named Desire" since "Children in Uniform" in London 13 years ago. She is often homesick for London.

American producers are still turning handsprings trying to sign up Vivien Leigh for a

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100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

A scientific member of the Society of Friends has rendered the novel material of gutta percha tubing subservient to an important saving of time and footsteps in the domestic circle.

In consequence of the peculiar power possessed by this tubing for the transmission of sound, he has applied it for the conveyance of messages from the parlour to the kitchen. Even a whisper at the parlour mouth-piece is distinctly heard when the ear is applied at the other end.

Instead, therefore, of the servant having to answer the bell, as formerly, and then descend to the kitchen to bring up what is wanted, the mistress calls attention by gently blowing into the tube, which sounds a whistle in the kitchen, and then makes known her wants to the servant, who is able at once to attend to them.

By this means the mistress not only secures the execution of her orders in half the usual time, but the servant is saved a double journey.

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The "New York Journal of Commerce" reports—"A small steamboat, so constructed with bolts and screws as to be easily taken apart, and as easily put together, has just been stowed away in one of our merchant vessels to be taken to China, where she will ply between the ports of Whampoa and Canton.

"She was built by Messrs. Lawrence and Saneden, for Captain Forbes, of Boston. She is one hundred feet in length, eighteen in width, and about eight deep."

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY
"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

COUNTING IS ROAD MAP

Just as cross-country motorist uses a road map to guide him to his destination, so must a declarer often depend upon card-counting to plot a course which will steer him to attainment of his contract. Sometimes it shows him a straight path to where he is headed and on other occasions it will tell him to make a detour in order to avoid difficulties or dangers. The declarer who will not do it like a driver who just proceeds according to his sense of direction, paying no attention to even the road signs.

	S 7 4 H A J 9 6 2 D J 10 5 4 C Q 5	
S 8 5 2 H K Q 8 4 3 D A K 8 7 C 9	N W E S	S Q J 10 9 H 10 7 D 6 3 C J 10 8 6 3
	S A K 6 3 H 5 D Q 9 2 C A K 7 4 2	

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable).

South	West	North	East
1C	1H	Dbl	Pass
3 NT			

South's takeout of the double into a No Trump game was due to the vulnerability. He reckoned that, if the 1-Heart could be set substantially, then a vulnerable game must be in the cards for his side and would probably pay more points. Reverse the vulnerability and he would have been happy to pass.

West decided to lead his diamond K, then switched to the spade 8, the 9 winning when South held up his honors. He took the spade Q with his K and led the diamond Q to the A. The third spade lead was won by the A and the diamond 9 led to the J.

Right at this stage South could count West for having held three spades, four diamonds, enough hearts to bid them, probably five, and therefore only one or two clubs, so that this suit wouldn't break. A throw-in play against West was indicated now, as otherwise only eight tricks were in sight—two in spades, one in hearts, two in diamonds and three in clubs. South therefore raked in the dummy's diamond 10 and three club tops, then led his heart 5. When West put on the Q, South played low from dummy, knowing West would have nothing left except hearts and would have to lead into the dummy's A-J for he last two tricks.

Different defense could have bothered South, but as it went he was glad of his bid.

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Tomorrow's Problem

	S J H A K J 3 D 10 8 2 C A Q 10 8 5	
S 10 6 6 3 2 H 9 7 2 D Q 9 6 C J 6	N W E S	S K Q 7 4 H 5 D A J 5 3 C 9 4 3 2
	S A 9 8 H Q 10 8 6 4 D K 7 4 C K 7	

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable).

What is North's best bid after South opens with 1-Heart?

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner

"Now then for the most important part of this holiday lecture—the removal of the white meat!"

Behind The Scenes In The Greek War

By Douglas Werner

Military experts were hopeful today that the presence of American combat veterans as advisers with the Greek Army would make 1948 the year of victory in the long drawn out campaign against guerilla forces terrorizing Northern Greece.

Some observers — American and British as well as Greek—feel that by late next spring guerillas should be whittled down to the point where an estimate of the probable end of the costly campaign, tying up supplies needed by the civilian populace, is possible.

But this is admittedly an optimistic view since the guerillas have shown remarkable tenacity in dealing with forces which outnumber them 10 to one. The guerillas — usually described by the rightist Greek press as "bandits"— are estimated to number 15,000 to 20,000. The Army has a strength of about 120,000 and there are approximately 30,000 gendarmes. In addition there are a few thousand civilian defence forces organized as M.A.Y. units which operate independently within villages or M.A.D. units which operate attached to army units.

Rebel Forays

Operating from mountain strongholds, some of which are actually outside Greece, the "rebels" have made continual forays into the plains area of Northern Greece to burn and steal property and forcibly enlist young men to their cause. The army has been unable to stop them. In fact it has been fighting a purely defensive war.

The problem of how to put an end to the fighting has had allied military experts—American and British—almost as baffled as the Greeks themselves. Yet they feel this is the winter in which to crush the guerillas especially since winter is coming on and the raiders will undoubtedly fare much worse in the cold than troops which are well clothed and well fed. Among the factors complicating the Greek situation are these:

1. The guerillas receive outside help.
2. There is too much political interference with the army.
3. There is no real offensive spirit within the army.

The ability of the guerillas to travel back and forth across the northern borders into Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania almost at will has provided the army with a serious problem. There, according to reliable officials, they are able to obtain ammunition and guns and bring them back into Greece. They get their food largely by looting from the countryside, if the reports received by the daily Greek press are any indication.

Sealing Off

The problem of sealing off the northern borders has often been discussed by Greek and Allied military officials with no satisfactory conclusions reached. Effective sealing of the border, it is believed, would require an enormous amount of manpower. One American spokesman theorized that it might be done by maintaining adequate guard forces at the principal mountain passes and other crossing points and by planting mines around other more vulnerable spots. But it is generally conceded that closing the border and keeping it closed is almost an impossible job in view of the long, irregular border line.

Some observers believe that much of the trouble with the Greek Army is that it is too deeply embroiled in politics and red tape. Recently a shake-up occurred in the High Command that has led Allied experts to take a better view of the situation. The Chief of Staff, Lieut. General Constantin Ventiris was removed and made commander of the army of Northern Greece. He was replaced by Lieut. General Constantin Yiandjis, who had headed the Northern Greek Army.

Ventiris is viewed as a good soldier and when the change took place Premier Sofoulis commented that on him "will depend the salvation of the nation."

A high American spokesman commented recently that Ventiris probably will do an excellent job "if the politicians stop picking on him."

Poor Spirit

Observers have also noted a lack of an offensive spirit within the army—the absence of an incentive to chase the guerillas into the hills rather than merely defend the villages and keep to the highways.

Major General William Livesay, head of the military section of the American aid mission to Greece, commented, "You can't beat guerillas without adopting some of their own tactics. It's a lot like the old Indian warfare in America years ago when we had to go out after them."

The estimates of the size of the guerilla fighting force are misleading if one does not consider that thousands of Communists or Communist sympathizers, are believed to be giving them aid and comfort without doing any actual fighting themselves. War Minister George Stratos recently estimated that as many as 500,000 were involved.

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Hollywood film, but Lady Olivier seems determined to go to Australia with her husband.

Message from Stars

Incidentally, the message from Sir Laurence and Lady Olivier and 13 other British stage and screen stars congratulating Hollywood's "rebels" embarrassed studio chiefs. It came just after the Russians had called upon Hollywood to revolt against "propagandising the notorious Truman Doctrine and so-called Marshall Plan, programme of beastly malice and hatred toward humanity and the stronghold of peace—the Soviet Union." Yeah!

Gracie Fields says the slogan used to be "Britain can take it"; now it's "Britain can't have it." She intends to sing here a number called "Chump Chop and Chips."

Footnote: The sooner the U.S. digests the facts, the sooner Europe will digest the food.

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DEFIANT GERMAN LEADERS

Standing Firm In Support Of Dr. Kaiser

"Full Trust Of The Whole Union"

Berlin, Dec. 29.

The two dismissed Christian Democrat leaders in the Soviet Zone, Dr. Jacob Kaiser and Dr. Ernst Lemmer, received an unanimous vote of confidence at the inter-zonal Christian Democrat and Christian Socialist conference, which ended in Berlin today, the German news agency in the British Zone reported tonight.

Dr. Fredrich Holzapfel, mayor of Herford and chairman of the Christian Democratic Union in the British Zone, stated that no objection had been raised at the inter-zonal conference against their leadership of the party, neither against their work, nor against their objectives. He added that the Christian Democrats attached great importance to assuring the collaboration of both Dr. Kaiser and Dr. Lemmer in their future work.

Leaders of the Christian Democrats in the British and Soviet zones and leaders of Christian Socialists—counterpart in the United States Zone—signed a resolution saying:

"According to the first principles of democracy, representatives of a party are appointed or dismissed by a meeting of its members. We state that Dr. Jacob Kaiser and Dr. Ernst Lemmer were elected as zonal chairmen by secret ballot at a zonal party gathering a few months ago.

"They have the full trust of the whole union. We hope this fact will help to overcome the difficulties in the Soviet Zone."

Standing Firm

The outstanding point of tonight's resolution was that five provincial party leaders of the Soviet Zone concurred in it. These men had stood firm in their support of Dr. Kaiser and Dr. Lemmer, in spite of the disadvantage in which they were placed through the geographical location of their homes and families.

The resolution declared that the German nation has hardly found its democratic freedom since the collapse. "To safeguard this freedom, we still have to fight for the basic rights of free individual, and democracy. In this endeavour no zonal frontiers can divide us."

It was announced that efforts to combine the Christian Democrat Union and the Christian Socialist Union into a single party would be made at a meeting in Frankfurt in January.—Reuter.

Mourning For Jean Egal

SHANGHAI, DEC. 30.

SHANGHAI'S FRENCH COMMUNITY WENT INTO MOURNING TODAY FOR M. RODERICK JEAN BAPTISTE EGAL, FRENCH PATRIOT, WHO HEADED THE FREE FRENCH HERE AFTER THE FALL OF FRANCE, ON RECEIPT OF THE NEWS THAT HE DIED IN HONGKONG YESTERDAY.

A veteran of the first World War, M. Egal was arrested by the French authorities here in August, 1941, for his efforts to rally all local Frenchmen to General Charles de Gaulle's standard, and sent to Saigon, where he was imprisoned for several months before facing trial.

He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and deprived of French citizenship, but was soon after, due to British pressure, "deported" to Singapore.

During his short stay in Singapore, he continued his Free French activities. He was in Hongkong on the outbreak of the Pacific War and was interned there for the duration by the Japanese.—Reuter.

Bird Hat Snatcher

Nairobi, Dec. 29.

Villagers using a narrow, forest footpath near Zanzibar became accustomed to having their hats snatched off by a mysterious, unseen thief. Finally, a quick-eyed victim caught sight of a large bird making off with his cap.

He followed it a short distance into the bush and watched while the bird neatly hung his hat alongside 13 others—all in a precise row on the limb of a baobab tree.—United Press.

MIGRATION TO BREMEN

Berlin, Dec. 29.

An "Industrial Settlement Committee" has been set up in the north-west German port of Bremen in the United States Zone to examine requests from Soviet zone industrial undertakings for permission to move to the Bremen area, it was reported here today.

The committee, which is giving preference to small and medium sized firms capable of being fitted into Bremen's industrial structure, already has issued settlement permits to radio, electrical and food manufacturers, and is now examining applications from eastern zone companies manufacturing export goods, it was stated.

Today's report came less than a fortnight after the announcement in Frankfurt that more than 2,000 industrial and merchandise firms in Berlin and the Russian Zone had applied to the Frankfurt Chamber of Commerce for permission to move to the bi-zonal capital.—Reuter.

Japanese Trade Rights

Washington, Dec. 30.

The U.S. Government on January 1, is returning to the Japanese Board of Trade the direction of Japan's international trade in silk and cotton textiles.

The action is in conformity with the American desire to return Japanese trade to private hands as soon as possible, and enlarges the scope of the Allied restricted private trading agreement on Japan made effective in recent months.

Silk and cotton textiles, especially the latter, have proved the most profitable in the effort to get Japan back on its economic feet. During the time the U.S. Commercial Company handled the business, it developed from post-surrender zero to scores of millions of dollars yearly and further expansion appears imminent if the needed raw materials can be obtained.

American and private agencies are at present trying to arrange cotton credits on behalf of Japanese spinners. — Associated Press.

ARGENTINE THREAT

Buenos Aires, Dec. 30.

A reliable trade source told Associated Press today that the Argentine Government has ordered all meat shipments to the United Kingdom to be halted after January 7 unless Britain is able to arrange payment in convertible pounds.

A British mission at present negotiating in Buenos Aires has been informed of the government's attitude and is hopeful that an agreement can be reached before the deadline.—Associated Press.

General Bourne For Burma

London, Dec. 29.

The appointment of Major-General G. K. Bourne as head of the British Services Mission to Burma was officially announced by the War Office today.

Tall, one-armed and 44 years old, General Bourne has already left for Rangoon with most of his staff.

The Mission will begin its official duties on January 4, the day power is transferred to the Burmese and Burma becomes an independent nation outside the British Commonwealth of Nations.

During the war, General Bourne was a senior member of the British Joint Staff Mission to the United States for 18 months.

Afterwards he served in India, Java and Italy. Despite his disability, which he sustained over 20 years ago, General Bourne is a keen tennis and rackets player.—Reuter.

Italian Ships Escape

ROME, DEC. 29.

THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT 13 MOTOR FISHING BOATS RECENTLY ROUNDED UP BY A YUGOSLAV WARSHIP IN THE ADRIATIC SEA HAD ESCAPED AND RETURNED TO THE PORT OF MOLFETTA, ON THE ITALIAN ADRIATIC COAST.

Two other boats had been interned by the Yugoslavs at Lissa, on the Yugoslav Dalmatian coast, it was added.

The boats were fishing off the Yugoslav Island of Pelagosa, in the Adriatic Sea, halfway between Italy and Yugoslavia, when they were said to have been captured and impounded by Yugoslav patrols on December 24.—Reuter.

Cease-Fire Truce Near In Batavia

Batavia, Dec. 29.

The Indonesian Republican Government will accept a cease-fire truce with the Dutch in a letter shortly to be sent to the Security Council's "good offices" committee, which put forward a third plan for a speedy and effective agreement in Indonesia, Republican sources said today.

The statement followed a special week-end meeting of the Indonesian Cabinet at Jogjakarta, and the arrival here today of the Republican negotiating committee.

The Republican acceptance of the plan was understood to be conditional, but it was believed that the letter would contain "helpful" suggestions.

Dr. Louis Beel, the Dutch Prime Minister, met Mr. Setiadjit, the Indonesian Vice-Premier, "on neutral soil" at the American Consulate General here today.

This was arranged by Mr. Charles Livengood, the United States Consul General, who provided a special room for an informal talk, which lasted one hour, about the Dutch-Indonesian dispute.

The meeting, it is understood, was arranged with the knowledge of the United Nations Security Council's good offices committee on Indonesia. No official information has been given about the meeting.

Dr. Amir Sjarifuddin, the Indonesian Republican Prime Minister, did not return with the Republican delegation, as he was ill and had urgent affairs to which he must pay attention in the Republican capital, Republican sources said.

At first it was thought here that his absence from the Republican delegation indicated the possibility of a new hitch in the negotiations but members of the Republican delegation denied this so far as they were concerned.

Before he left here for Jogjakarta on December 22, Dr. Sjarifuddin said that he would not return to Batavia until "real talks" on the substantive political issue were ready to begin.

Dutch sources indicated yesterday that the Dutch delegation had accepted between 80 and 90 per cent of the proposals.

Two Dutch soldiers and two Indonesian civilians were injured when a bomb exploded here, it was reported today.

The bomb was thrown at a group of soldiers and civilians in the residential part of Batavia during the weekend.

This was the third bomb explosion in the past few days, bringing the total casualties to two dead and 21 injured.—Reuter.

Soviet Makes A Gesture

Paris, Dec. 30.

Almost 60,000 tons of wheat, wood and motor fuel in reparations from Eastern Germany have been made available for the first time by Soviet occupation authorities and allotted to 10 countries today, the French Ministry announced.

The announcement said the allotment was made at the 14th session of the International Reparations Agency.

Beneficiaries will be France, Belgium, India, Holland, Greece, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Egypt, Britain and America. This is the first time Russia has carried out her part of the Potsdam Agreement on exchanges of reparations.—Associated Press.

New Guinea Oil Quest

Batavia, Dec. 30.

Three oil companies have resumed operations in New Guinea in a project that may lead to a discovery of great quantities of oil in Asia.

They are Shell, Vacuum and the California-Texas companies, which have consolidated for the venture under the corporate name of the Netherlands New Guinea Petroleum Company.

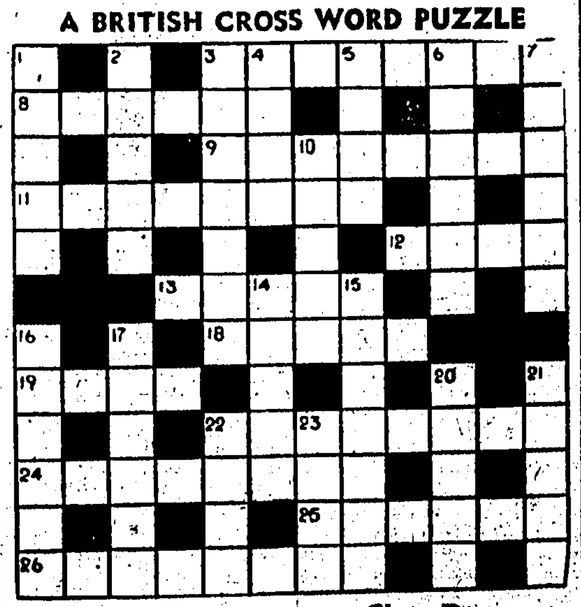
All fields being worked were heavily bombed during the war. Three fields in Borneo—Tarakan, Louise and Sambodia—have resumed operations and by the end of 1948 are expected to be producing 100,000 tons of kerosene, gas oil, fuel oil and paraffin monthly.

This is in excess of the pre-war capacity.

At Tarakan, where repair and salvage work began in 1945, 313 wells have been restored. At Balik Papan ruined wells have been brought to a point where they are producing 30,000 long tons of oil monthly.

In Java 38 wells have been similarly reclaimed, but the fields at Pladju, Djambi and Pangkalan—in Sumatra—remain in the hands of the Indonesian Republicans.—Associated Press.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1 Clergyman
8 Sword.
9 Temperate.
11 Called together.
12 Footwear.
13 Low seat.
18 Possessed.
19 Active.
22 Coming in.
24 Imperil.
25 Keep.
26 Game bird.

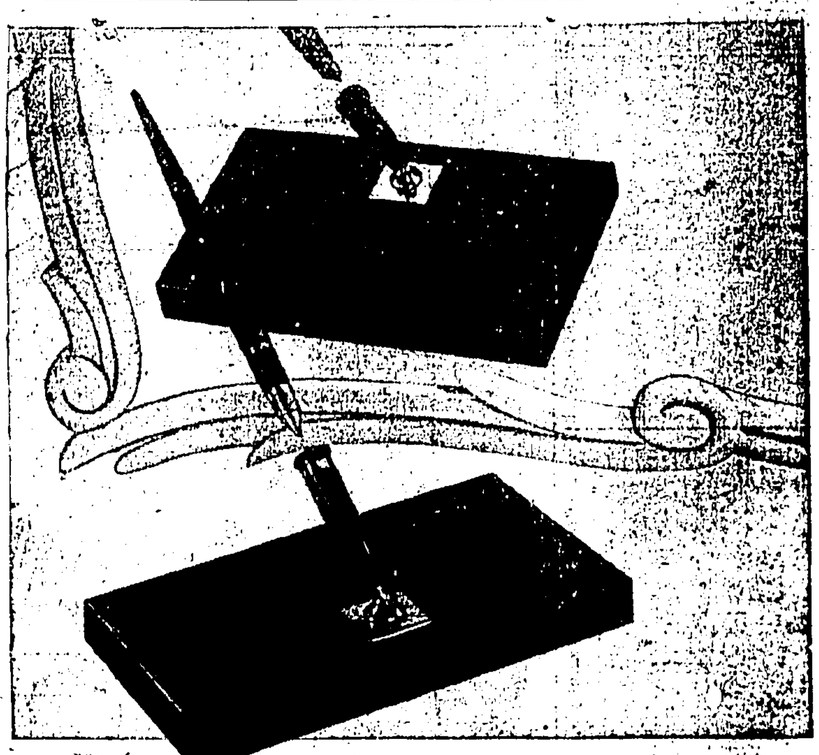
Clues Down

1 Trace.
2 Backbone.
3 Souvenir.
4 Metal.
5 Frozen.
6 Rubbishy.
7 Staggered.
10 Devil.
14 Being in debt.
15 Young hare.
16 Slumbering.
17 Walk wearily.
20 Competitor.
21 Representative.
22 Objects.
23 Sea-bird.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across:—1 Recourse, 7 Halma, 8 Sparkled, 10 Rasher, 11 Pleaded, 15 Stow, 17 Fetters, 18 Infidel, 20 Neat, 21 Revised, 26 Tackle, 27 Enhances, 28 Ennui, 29 Tumblers.

Down:—1 Sharp, 2 Close, 3 Razed, 4 Ores, 5 Relate, 6 Endows, 9 Prefer, 11 Alone, 12 Habit, 14 Delete, 15 Stole, 16 Oriel, 18 Invert, 19 Fathom, 22 Vases, 23 Skins, 24 Devil, 25 Anil.



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ORIENT-JAVA-AFRICA LINE
SOUTH-ATLANTIC LINE

	Due from	Loading for
TEGELBERG	South America South Africa 4th Feb. 1948	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, Lourenco Marques, Beira, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Mosselbay, Capetown, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santos, Rio de Janeiro. 14th Feb.

Transhipment cargo on through bill of lading accepted for Dar-Es-Salaam, Mombasa & Zanzibar.

RUYS	South America South Africa 29th Jan. 1948.	South Africa South America 10th March 1948
"STRAAT SOENDA"	South America, South Africa. 25th Jan. 1948.	Shanghai, Yokohama 27th Jan.

DELI-STRAITS-CHINA LINE

	Due from	Sailing for
"VAN HEUTSZ"	Belawan Deli, Penang, Singapore 17th Jan. 1948	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli 27th Jan. 1948.
"HEINRICH JESSEN"	Swatow & Amoy 8th Jan 1948	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli 9th Jan. 1948.

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"MOLENKERK"	Due from Europe on or about 16th Jan. Sailing for Shanghai & Japan	Loading for Manila/Singapore/Colombo/Port Said/Alexandria Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Gothenburg/Middle of Feb.
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Loads	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	Mid. Jan.	m.v. "TONGHAI"
	Late Jan.	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"

ARRIVALS

From	Date	Vessel
Pacific Coast	1st Jan.	m.v. "MANGALORE"
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	12th Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
	22nd Jan.	s.s. "DONA AURORA"

SAILINGS

For	Date	Vessel
San Francisco & Los Angeles	16th Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	26th Jan.	s.s. "DONA AURORA"

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HAVANA CONFERENCE
International Trade Conference Problems

America Assists In Progress

Havana, Dec. 29.

The United Nations conference on trade and employment resumed full activity today, after the Christmas lull, still faced by several major problems.

One big advance came when the United States announced readiness to accept a system of equal voting in the proposed international trade organisation on a basis of "one country one vote." Previously the United States supported a "weighted vote" system favouring big industrial powers.

Since it opened on November 21 the conference's six committees and sundry sub-committees have held about 150 meetings, devoted chiefly to consideration of nearly 600 amendments suggested by various delegations to the proposed ITO charter drafted by the preparatory Geneva conference.

The big controversial issues still unsolved include:

Firstly, whether economically undeveloped countries should retain a free hand to protect their infant industries by import quotas and similar quantitative restrictions without prior ITO approval.

America's Clair Wilcox warned that such freedom would be tantamount to "economic anarchy" and that hopes of economic peace would be doomed by it.

Secondly, whether preferential trade agreements are going to be limited to those already in force and recognised under the Geneva charter or whether underdeveloped countries may conclude new preferential agreements.

Thirdly, the scope and powers of the ITO's tariff commission.

Fourthly, the composition of ITO's governing board.—United Press.

London Stock Exchange

London, Dec. 29.

The opening of the London stocks market following the holiday found business rather small but nevertheless a firm tone was evident and remained throughout the session.

British funds were mostly neglected but most groups in industrials registered gains, particularly in building shares, textiles and breweries.

Mines were generally quiet with one or two minor adjustments among Kaffirs.

Among foreign bonds, Japanese loans eased on some profittaking with 4½ 1910 one point lower at 27.

Quotations:—

BANKS:
Chartered Bank ..... £ 11-9/16
H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp. 119½
Mercantile Bank 21¾
MINING SHARES:
Consolidated Goldfields 70/-
Consolidated Tin Mines 4/-
Indian Copper Corporation 5/6
New Union Goldfields 7/-
Orangt Free State Trust 59/4½
West Rand Investment Trust .. 36/10½
Free States Developments 35/7½
Roederand 13/7½
Cons Main Reef 41/10½
Saint Helenas 61/7½
De La Rue, ord. 58/-
Sab. Breweries 170/-
West Driefontiens 100/-
Lydenburg Estates 25/-
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British, Burma Petroleum 4/10½
RUBBER SHARES:
Anglo-Dutch 10/9
Gunib Kalumpong 20/-
MINES:
Burma Corp. 7/9
Crown Mines 4-9/16
Nundydroog Mines 10/7½
Rand Mines 6¾
Spring Mines 8/-
Sub-Nigels 4½
Tavoy Tin Co. 2/7½
Union Corporation 277/6
SHIPPINGS:
P. & O. S.N. Co., ord. 62/-
GILTEDGES:
Conversion Loan, 3½, 1948/53.. 101-5/16
Funding Loan, 3½ 101½
National War Bonds, 2½%:
1949/51 (ex-div.) 101-5/16
1952/54 ..... 100¾
1954/56 ..... 100⅝
National War Bonds, 1951/53.. 101⅝
Savings Bonds, 3½, 1955/65 .. 101⅞
Savings Bonds, 3½, 1960/70 .. 101¼
Savings Bonds, 3½, 1965/75 .. 101⅜
Exchequer Bonds, 1950 ..... 100⅝
Redemption Stock, 3½, 1968/98 99½
SECURITIES:
British Consols, 1945/75 ..... 82¼
Conversion Loan, 3½%, 1961 .. 105⅝
Funding Loan, 1956/90 ..... 112⅛
War Loan, 3½%, 1952 ..... 102⅜
War Loan, 3½ 102
Victory Bonds, 4% 114⅛
RAILWAY SHARES:
Great Western 57
L.M.S. 28¾
Southern Railway Co., def. .. 23⅛
London, Passenger Tr. 5%, 'A' 136¾
INDUSTRIALS:
Associated Portland Cement Co. 74/6
B.A.T. Co., ord. 6-9/32
British Celanese, ord. 25/-
Carreras Ltw., "A", ord. 6¼
J. & P. Coats, ord. 72/7½
Courtaulds, ord. 45/6
Distillers Co., ord. 81/6
Dunlop Rubber Co., ord. 78/9
Imperial Chemical Industries.. 53/-
Imperial Tobacco Co. 5-31/32
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N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, Dec. 30.

Attempts to get the stock market back on the recovery track failed in most cases today although assorted favourites put up a fair show of resistance.

Mild support arrived in the final hour and extreme losses running to a point or more were trimmed in most cases at the close.

There were transfers of 1,190,000.

Closing Quotations:—Adams Express 17½, Alaska Juneau 8¾, American Can 75¾, American Smelting 54½, American Tel. 150½, American Tobacco 67, Anaconda Copper 23¾, Aviation Corp. 4⅞, Baldwin Locomotive 14, Barnsdall 38⅜, Bendix Aviation 29½, Bethlehem Steel 102½, Boeing Aircraft 21⅜, Borden Co. 41⅛, Canadian Pacific 11⅜, J. I. Case 45½, Chrysler 62¾, Colgate 64½, Commercial Solvent 21⅝, Corn Products 64⅝, Dupont 185⅝, Eastman Kodak 48⅝, Electric Light/Power 18⅝, General Electric 36¾, General Motors 66⅞, Goodrich 55, Goodyear 43¾, Greyhound 11⅞, Homestake Mining 38⅜, International Harvester 87, International Papan 54⅜, International Tel & Tel 12½, Johns Manville 40¾, Kennecott Copper 47⅛, Montgomery Ward 53⅝, National Distillers 21, National Lead 85, New York Central 18⅝, Packard Motors 4¾, Pan American Airways 8⅛, Pennsylvania RR 17½, Radio Corp/ 9⅛, Real Silk 12¼, Republic Steel 28¾, Reynolds Tobacco 40⅝, Schenley 31⅛, Sears Roebuck 87¼, Shell Oil 24, Socony Vacuum 17, Southern Pacific 48½, Standard Brands 26⅛, Standard Oil of Calif. 62, Standard Oil of N. J. 78¼, Studebaker 21, Union Bag 33⅛, Union Carbide 100¾, US Rubber 44½, US Steel 77⅛, US Lines 20⅞, Westinghouse 30⅝, Youngstown Sheet/Tube 78, Gen. Public Utilities 12⅛.—Associated Press.

N.Y. Emerges From Snow

NEW YORK, DEC. 29.

MILLIONS STRUGGLED BACK TO THEIR JOBS IN NEW YORK TODAY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE FRIDAY'S SNOW STORM STRUCK THE AREA FROM MAINE TO WASHINGTON, CAUSING AT LEAST 70 DEATHS.

Most railways were back to normal operation this morning, but the Long Island, which runs from Long Island to New York City, reported that its trains were subject to delays of more than an hour.

Most principal streets in New York have been cleared of the 25 inch snow, by thousands of labourers working in day and night shifts since Friday, using more than 2,000 pieces of mechanical equipment.—Reuter.

Protest Against Ship Sales

New York, Dec. 29.

The shipping section of the European recovery programme which proposes the sale and charter of 500 United States ships to the 16 European nations "holds a grave threat to the future of American shipping"; the National Federation of American Shipping said today in a report to its members.

These comprise, it was claimed, 90 per cent of the dry-cargo American shipping.

The Federation declared that it supported a fair and reasonable effort to aid European recovery, but vigorously opposed the shipping proposals.

These, it said, would deplete America's defence reserve of ships by 25 per cent and throw 20,000 to 25,000 American officers and seamen out of work.—Reuter.

Money Market

Gold was again the principal medium of speculation on the money market yesterday at constantly fluctuating rates ranging from $298.50 to $307 a tael.

Opening at $302, the market started off with a continuous climb to $307. It then reversed trend and went down to $298.50 when it recovered, closing at $301.50.

Piastres were quiet, opening at $11.65 and closing at $11.60 a 100. Lowest rate of the day was $11.57½.

Chinese National Currency again headed for a fall yesterday as after opening at 32% cts. for futures and 39 cts for spot (for CN$10,000) it dropped to 29 cts. and 38 cts. respectively at the close.

Tientsin declined further to $27.60 a 100 yesterday.

NEI Guilders were slightly firmer at $26.20 a 100.

U.S. dollars were quiet at $4.01½. Sterling appreciated further to $15.40. Australian pounds were unchanged at $12.51.

H.K. Stock Exchange

Today's trading was on a more extensive scale than yesterday. Sterling was not too plentiful in supply, prices in consequence showing some improvement.

H.K. Govt. Loans: 4% Loan 1064; 3½% 100b.

Banks: H.K. & S. Bank 1990b, 1993s; 1990as; (Lon. Reg.) £119½n; Chartered Bank £119/16n; Mercantile Bk. A. & I. £21¼n; Bank of East Asia 120b.

Insurances: Canton Ins. 865b, 875s; Union Ins. 760b, 780s; 785as; China Underwriters 6½b, 6¾as; H.K. Fire Ins. 306b.

Shipping: Douglases 260n; H.K. & M. Steamboats 14½n; Indo Chinas (Pref.) 100n; (Def.) 300n; Shells (Bearer) 75/-n; U. Waterboats (Old) 46s; (New) 46n.

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, Etc. H.K. & K. Wharves, (C. Rts.) 310n; (X. Rts.) 154b; Rights 47½b, 46as; H.K. Docks 32b, 31½as; China Providents 22¾b, 22/25as; S'hai Dockyards 17b.

Mining: Raub Mines 5¾n; H.K. Mines .026b.

Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.: H. & S. Hotels 23½b, 24/24¼as; H.K. Lands (Old) 80b, 80/81as; (New) 76½b, 76½as; S'hai Lands 5b, 5¼s; Humphreys Estates 28b; H.K. Realties 18b; Chinese Estates 186n.

Public Utilities: H.K. Tramways 23¾b, 24¼as; Peak Trams (Old) 18¾n; (New) 9n; Star Ferries 127s; Yaumati Ferries 28¼b; C. Lights (Old) 20½b, 20½/¾as; (New) 15¼b, 15½as; H.K. Electrics (Old) 51b, 51¼s, 50½/51¼as; (New) 49b, 49½/49¾as; Macao Electrics 24s; Sandakan Lights 10n; Telephones (Old) 40¾as; (New) 39½s.

Industrials: Cald. Marc. (Ord.) 20b; (Pref.) 6n; Canton Ices 7n; Cements (Old) 30½n; (New) 29½n; H.K. Ropes 20½s.

Stores &c.: Dairy Farms 35½b, X.Rts 9, 55½/56as; Watsons 65b, 65/65½as; Lane, Crawfords 50n; Sincere 8.10n; China Emporium 13n; Sun Co., Ltd. 6n; Kwong Sang Hong 200b, 200as; Wing On (H.K.) 140n; Wm. Powell, Ltd 12/12½as.

Miscellaneous: China Entertainments 87s; H.K. Constructions (Old) 6½n; (New) 6n; Vibro Piling 8½n; Marsman Investments 13/8 Marsman, (H.K.) 1/6n.

Cottons: Ewos 13½b, 14s, 13¾as.

N.Y. SILVER & GOLD

Silver, Bar (asked price) 74-⅝ cts. Bar, Gold, per fine ounce (official) $35; (N. Y. Unofficial) $40 sales.—Reuter.

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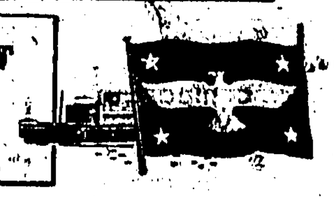

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"NINGHAI"	Saigon, Singapore	4 p.m. 1st Jan.
"TSINAN"	Swatow	1 p.m. 3rd Jan.
"HANYANG"	Shanghai	3 p.m. 3rd Jan.
"HUPEH"	Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai & Tientsin	5 p.m. 3rd Jan.
"TENGTIEN"	Japan Ports	4 p.m. 8th Jan.
"YOCHOW"	Singapore & Penang	4 p.m. 8th Jan.

* Sails from Custodian Wharf.

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"HUPEH"	Swatow	a.m. 1st Jan.
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"TENGTIEN"	Java, Singapore	5th Jan.

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"AGAPENOR"	—— „ ——	End Jan.

Sailings to

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Singapore via Bangkok:
Jan. 3, Cathay Pacific, 3 p.m.
Jan. 2, BOAC (Capt. Needham), 2.10 p.m.

Shanghai:
Daily, CNAC (DC4), 10.45 a.m.
Dec. 31, HK Airways 3.30 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai):
Jan. 1, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila):
Dec. 31, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

DEPARTURES TO

Poole via Bangkok:
Dec. 31, BOAC (Capt. Williams) 8 a.m.

Oslo via Bangkok:
Jan. 3, Braathens, 9 a.m.

Singapore via Bangkok
Jan. 2, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.

Bangkok:
Jan. 3, Pan-American, 2.15 p.m.

Manila:
Jan. 1, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Shanghai:
Daily, CNAC (DC4) 11.45 a.m.
Jan. 1, HK Airways, 10 a.m.

San Francisco (via Manila, Guam, Wake, Honolulu):
Jan. 1, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

San Francisco (via Shanghai, Okinawa, Guam, Wake, Honolulu):
Jan. 2, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

POST OFFICE

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

On Thursday, Jan. 1, 1948 the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will open from 8 a.m. to Noon. The other branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., There will be one delivery of Ordinary and Registered Correspondence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from pillar boxes.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the Ordinary Mail. If Mail close before 10 a.m. Registered and Parcels will close at 5 p.m. on previous day.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Swatow, Tainan and Amoy. (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Manila P.I., Honolulu, U.S.A. and Canada, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.
Airmail for Manila P.I., (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Canton, Liuchow and Kunming; Airmail for Tainan; Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peiping, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.
Macao, Tainshan and Shekki, 8 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Liverpool, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.
Rangoon and Calcutta, 10 a.m.
Manila, 3 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow, Noon.
Macao, Tainshan and Shekki, 1 p.m.
Canton, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada), (Par. and Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.
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Macao, Tainshan and Shekki, 4 p.m.
Kongmoon, 4 p.m.
Canton, 5 p.m.

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ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

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Hai Hsia (C.M.S.N.)...Hs.
Hai Yang (Douglas)....Co.'s Whf.
Hindustan (Jardine's) 3,014 tons from Saigon (Capt. G. Black)...K. Whf.
Mei Shan (Socony)...S.C.
San Ernesto (J. Manners)...Y.M.T.
Tjitjalengka (J.C.P.L.) 6,623 tons from Jave (Capt. W.H.P. Burger)...A9.
Yan Tai (C.M.S.N.)...Co.'s Whf.
Scottish Prince (Jardine's)...K. Whf.

DEPARTURES YESTERDAY

Laura Maersk (Jebsen) to .....Keelung
Lancashire (B. & S.) to ..... Kure

ARRIVALS TODAY

Nidaros (Bank Line) D21
Nanyang (B. & S.) B1
Shengking (B. & S.) ..... B Buoy
Laomedon (B. & S.) ..... K. Whf.
Hin Sang (Jardine's) A12
Sven Salen (Wm. Hunt) A2

DEPARTURES TODAY

Laura Maersk (Jebsen) to ..... Keelung

VESSELS IN PORT

Alipur (Williamson) ..... Kln. Dk.
Aldegonda (B. & S.) ..... Talkoo Dk
Alpharat (J.C.P.L.) ..... Talkoo Dk
Amaranthus (Wheelock) ..... S.S. Po
Annlock (Wallem) ..... S.S. Po
Anchises A1
Bengal (Gilman) A8
Bris (Thoresen) B12
Bushwood (P. & O.) ..... Kln. Bay
Callex 2 (Texas Co.) ..... Talkoo Dk.
Canon Bar (Caroll S.S.) ..... Yaumati
Canandoc (China S.S. Co.) ..... S.C.
Catherine (S.E. Asia) ..... Yaumati
Charles Macdonnell (Everett's).. Cos Dk.
Chita (Wallem) ..... Yaumati
Cloverlock (Wheelock) ..... S. Cutters
Eastern Venture (Rymo S.S.) ...Yaumati
Empire Hilda (M.O.T.) .... N. Pt. Quay
Emp. Farrar (Wing Fong Cheong)....B5
Empire Magpie (Jardine's) .... Yaumati
Empire Tern (Williamson) .... Yaumati
E. Sang (Jardine's) ..... Kln. Dk.
Fu Kwang (A.P.C.) ..... Port Oller
Ganandoc (Man Shan Co.) .....Y.M.T.
Hai Tan (Douglas Co.) .... Co.'s Whf.
Hai Hsia (C.M.S.N.) B8
Hai Yang (Douglas) ..... Co.'s Whf.
Hong Siang (Ho Hong) .... Talkoo Dk.
Hindustan (Jardine's) ..... K. Whf.
Ivarsn (Wallem) ..... Kln. Whf.
Lee Chun (Tai Chong) ..... S.S. Po
Lardslock (Wallem) ..... Yaumati
Lok Sang (Jardine's) B9
Mactan (B. Basa) ..... Kln. Dk
Meishan (Socony) ..... S.C.
Nan Chang (B. & S.) B15
New Combia (B. & S.) .... Talkoo Dk.
Ningtai (B. & S.) ..... Kln. Whf.
Perilock (Wallem) ..... Yaumati
Panamanian (Wallem) ..... S. Cutters
San Miguel (Jn. Manners) .... S.S. Po
San Denardo (J. Manners) .... Y.M.T.
San Ernesto (J. Manners) .... Yaumati
Shapur (Nematee) ..... Yaumati
Scottish Prince (Jardine's) .... K. Whf.
Shantung (B. & S.) ..... B. Buoy
Starstone (Bank Line) ..... Kln. Dk.
Strait Malakka (J.C.P.L.) A11
Swartenhondt (J.C.P.L.) .... Talkoo Dk.
Szechuen (B. & S.) B14
Talshan Peak (P. & O.) ..... S.S. Po
Tjitjalengka (J.C.P.L.) A9
Tainan (B. & S.) ..... Talkoo Dk.
Tatung (B. & S.) ..... S.C.
Trevose (M.M.) A6
Whangpu (B. & S.) ..... S. Cutters
Wu Chang (B. & S.) ..... S. Cutters
Yan Tai (C.M.S.N.) ..... Co.'s Whf.
Yer Sin (Everett) ..... Talkoo Dk.

VESSELS DUE

AMERICAN PORTS
(Pacific & Atlantic Coast)

Andaman (De La Rama) from Atlantic Ports ..... Jan. 12.
Andrew Jackson (Wallem) from U.S. and Atlantic Ports ..... Mid. Jan.
Pres. Polk (A.P.L.) from New wYork... Jan. 29.
Castleville (BANKLINE) from Pacific Coast ..... Jan. 1.
Dona Aurora (De La Rama) from Atlantic Coast, via Los Angeles, Late Jan.
Flying Dragon (A.P.L.) from San Francisco ..... Jan. 22.
Fairport (Wallem) from U.S. and Atlantic Ports ..... Jan. 2.
Fleetwood (U.S.L.) from San Francisco ..... Dec. 31.
Golden West (A.P.L.) from New York... Jan. 18.
Leise Maersk (Jebsen) from New York... Feb. 12.
Gertrude Maersk (Jebsen) from New York ..... Jan. 11.
Marine Snapper (A.P.L.) to San Francisco ..... Jan. 3.
Mangalore (De La Rama) from Pacific Coast ..... Jan. 1.
Marchen Maersk (Jebsen) from New York ..... Jan. 15.
Priam (B. & S.) from U.S., via Manila, End Jan.
Pres. Monroe (A.P.L.) from N.Y., Jan. 6.
Sea Serpeant (U.S.L.) from San Francisco, Dec. 20.
Kyaka (Wallem) from U.S. ... End Jan.
Spitfire (A.P.L.) from N.Y. .... Jan. 8.
Strait Soenda (J.C.P.L.) from S. Africa and S. America ..... Jan. 24
Marine Flier (A.P.L.) from N.Y., Jan. 10.
Surprise (A.P.L.) from San Francisco and Los Angeles ..... Jan. 12
Trein Maersk (Jebsen) from N.Y., Feb. 8.
Pacific Bear (A.P.L.) from San Francisco and Los Angeles ..... Jan. 14.
Philippine Bear (A.P.L.) from San Francisco ..... Feb. 2.

AUSTRALIA

Mau Sang (Jardine's) from Sandakan.
Yunnan (B. & S.) from Australia via Manila ..... Jan. 18
Nellore (E. & A.) from Australia ..... End Jan.
Nankin (E. & A.) from Australia..... Early Mar..

BRITISH & EUROPEAN PORTS.

Andre Lebon (M.M.) from Europe .... Mid. Feb.
Benvrackie (Ben Line) from United Kingdom ..... End Dec
Bendoran (Ben Line) from United Kingdom ..... Early Jan. Feb. 16.
Christian Sass (M.M.) from Europe.... Early Feb.
Denbighshire (Jardine's) from London, via Suez ..... Jan. 7.
Dilwara (P. & O.) from U.K. . Feb. 27.
Empire Brent (P. & O.) from U.K. Jan. 24
Glenartney (Jardine's) from London, via Suez ..... Early Feb.
Glenapp (Jardine's) from London, via Suez ..... Jan. 22
Leopoldskerk (J.C.P.L.) from Europe Jan.
Caplon (P. & O.) from United Kingdom.
Mayelans (B. & S) from U.K., Mid. Jan.
Rhexenor (Jardine's) from London, via Suez ..... Mid. Jan.
Trevethoe (P. & O.) from United Kingdom ..... Jan. 13
Trevaylor (P. & O.) from United Kingdom ..... Feb. 13

CHINESE & JAPANESE PORTS

Wing Sang (Jardine's) from Shanghai and Keelung ..... Jan. 1.
Wing Sang (Jardine's) from Shanghai and Keelung ..... Jan. 14.
Omara (J. & O.) from Shanghai, Jan. 15
Trevaylor (P. & O.) from S'hai, Feb. 18
Sangola (Apcar) from Shanghai, Jan. 13

INDIAN PORTS

Sangola (Apcar) from Calcutta, Jan. 2
Hindustan (Jardine's) from Australia... Dec. 29.
Shirala (Apcar) from Calcutta ... Jan.
Empire William (Jardine's) from Calcutta, Jan. 2.
Kut Sang (Jardine's) from Calcutta... Jan. 21.
Kafiristan from Melbourne.... Mid. Jan.

SOUTH-EAST PORTS (Indo-China, Siam, Malaya, East Indies)

Hin Sang (Jardine's) from Sandakan .. Dec. 31.
Tjitatengka (J.C.P.L.) from Macassar and Java ports ..... Dec. 30
Yochow (B. & S.) from Singapore.... Dec. 31.
Shengking (B. & S.) from S'hai Dec. 31
Golden West (A.P.L.) to Manila Jan. 10 Jan. 15.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS

Ruys (J.C.P.L.) from South African ports ..... Jan. 29.
Tegeberg (J.C.P.L.) from South African ports ..... Feb. 4.

SAILING SCHEDULES

AMERICAN PORTS

(PACIFIC & ATLANTIC)

Dec.
30 Capital Victory (Jardine's) to Los Angeles and San Francisco, via Manila.
Early Jan. Andaman (De La Rama) to Atlantic Ports.
Late Jan. Don Aurora (De La Rama) to Atlantic Ports.
Jan.
13 Pacific Transport (Jardine's) to Los Angeles and San Francisco, via Shanghai and Yokohama.
15 Philippine Transport (Jardine's) to Los Angeles and San Francisco, via Manila.
15 Pacific Bear (A.P.L.) to San Francisco and Los Angeles.
18 Roseville (Bank Line) to San Francisco.
Mid Jan. Tong Hai (De La Rama) to U.S. and Atlantic Ports.
Late Jan. Dona Abicela (De La Rama) to U.S. and Atlantic Ports.
23 Flying Dragon (A.P.L.) to San Francisco and Los Angeles.
24 Johannes Maersk (Maersk Line)..... New York and Atlantic Ports.
8 Strait Soenda to S. Africa and S. America.
Feb.
2 Philippine Bear (A.P.L.) to San Francisco and Los Angeles.
8 New Zealand Victory (Jardine's) to Los Angeles and San Francisco.
24 Marchen Maersk (Maersk Line) New York and Atlantic Ports.
27 Marine Snapper (A.P.L.)...New York and Havana via Singapore, Colombo, Cochin, Bombay, Suez and Mediterranian Ports.
End Feb. Andre Lebon (M.M.) to Europe.
Dec.
31 General Meigs (A.P.L.)...San Francisco via Shanghai and Yokohama.
30 Pres. Taft (A.P.L.)...San Francisco (direct).
31 Capital Victory (Jardine's) to San Francisco.
3 Fleetwood (A.P.L.) to San Francisco via Yokohama.
Jan.
4 Brainerd Victory (A.P.L.)...San Francisco and Los Angeles via Manila.
4 Spitfire. (U.S.L.) to Manila.
6 Pres. Monroe (A.P.L.) to N.Y. and Havana, via Manila and Singapore.
21 General Gordon (A.P.L.)...San Francisco via Manila and Honolulu.
10 Marine Flier (A.P.L.) to N.Y. and Havana via Manila and Singapore.
12 Marine Swallow (A.P.L.) to San Francisco.
15 Philippine Transport (Jardine's) to San Francisco.
19 Clovis Victory (A.P.L.) to San Francisco.
20 Pres. Cleveland (A.P.L.) to San Francisco.
14 Pres. Pierce (A.P.L.) to S. Francisco.
13 Surprise (A.P.L.) to S. Francisco via Yokohama.
Feb.
14 Linfield Victory (Jardine's) to San Francisco.
28 China Transport (Jardine's) to Los Angeles and San Francisco.
Mar.
15 Pacific Transport (Jardine's) to Los Angeles and San Francisco.
25 Philippine Transport (Jardine's) to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS

Feb.
14 Tegeberg (J.C.P.L.) to South African ports.
Mar.
10 Ruys (J.C.P.L.) to S. African ports.

CANADIAN PORTS

Jan.
7 Lake Winnipeg (Jardine's) to Vancouver.
11 Lake Canim (Jardine's) to Vancouver.
Late Jan. Lake Lillooet (Jardine's) to Vancouver.

AUSTRALIAN & SOUTHERN PORTS

(PHILIPPINES & NEW GUINEA)

Dec.
30 Capital Victory (Jardine's) to Manila.
Jan.
8 Marchen Maersk (Jebsen) to Manila.
11 Gertrude Maersk (Jebsen) to Manila.
11 Philippine Transport (Jardine's) to Manila.
15 Nellore (E. & A.) to Australia.
Early Mar. Nankin (E. & A.) to Australia
Hindustan (Jardine's) to Australia.
24 Yunnan (B. & S.) to Sydney and Melbourne.
8 Trein Maersk (Jebsen) to Manila.
12 Leise Maersk (Jebsen) to Manila.

BRITISH & EUROPEAN PORTS

Dec.
31 Anchises (B. & S.) ....Alexandria, Tangier & Liverpool via Port Said.
Jan.
10 Bengal (Gilman) to Europe.
20 Malaya (East Asiatic) to Europe.
15 Benvrackie (Ben Line) to Europe.
3 Mengalore (Gilman) to Europe.
9 Myrmidon (B. & S.) to Europe.
17 Denbighshire (Jardine's) to London.
Feb.
23 Canton (P. & O.) to United Kingdom.
End Feb. Glenartney (Jardine's) to London.
24 Trevaylor (P. & O.) to U.K.

CHINESE PORTS

Jan.
1 Szechuen (P. & S.) to Swatow, Saigon and Bangkok.
2 Hupeh (B. & S.) to Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai.
4 Wing Sang to Shanghai.
12 Lancashire (P. & O.) to U.K.
25 Empire Brent (P. & O.) to Shanghai.
3 Hindustan (Jardine's) to Shanghai.
4 General Gordon (A.P.L.) Shanghai.
2 Sangola (Apcar) ..Hong Kong and Amoy.
5 Pacific Transport (Jardine's) to Shanghai.
4 Hin Sang (Jardine's) to Shanghai.
5 Empire William (Jardine's) to S'hai.
17 Omara (P. & O.) to Amoy.
Feb.
19 Trevaylor (P. & O.) to Shanghai.
18 Trevethoe (P. & O.) to Shanghai.
29 Trevethoe (P. & O.)...Shanghai.

INDIAN PORTS

Jan.
5 Hai Sio (C.M.S.N.) to Singapore, Rangoon and Calcutta.
16 Sangola (Apcar) ..Rangoon, Calcutta via Straits.

JAPAN PORTS

Dec.
30 Lancashire (P. & O.) to Kure.
Jan.
6 Yangtse (B. & S.) to Japan Ports.

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S.S. "ESANG"	to Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	10th Jan.
S.S. "MAUSANG"	to Sandakan	14th Jan.
S.S. "WINGSANG"	to Keelung & Shanghai	15th Jan.
S.S. "HINSANG"	to Sandakan	18th Jan.

ARRIVALS

S.S. "HINSANG"	from Sandakan	31st Dec.
S.S. "WINGSANG"	from Shanghai & Keelung	1st Jan.
S.S. "EMPIRE WITHAM"	from Calcutta, Straits & Saigon	3rd Jan.
S.S. "MAUSANG"	from Sandakan	4th Jan.
S.S. "WINGSANG"	from Shanghai & Keelung	13th Jan.
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M.V. "GLENAPP"	Sailed from London 6th Dec. via Suez & Straits due late Jan.
M.V. "RHEXENOR"	Sailed from London 11th Dec. via Suez & Straits due about 22nd Jan.
M.V. "GLENARTNEY"	Sailed from London 23rd Dec. via Suez & Straits due early Feb. Glenstrae Leaves London 3rd Feb. for Port Said Straits Hong Kong & Shanghai.

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"LINFIELD VICTORY"	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe, Bar & Yokohama
"CHINA TRANSPORT"	28th Feb.	Shanghai and Yokohama.
"PACIFIC TRANSPORT"	15th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe, Bar & Yokohama.
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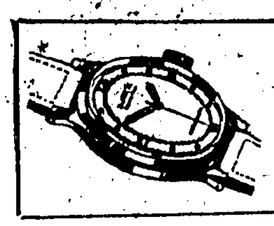

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BRITAIN WILL DECIDE ON GREEK RESULTS

Foreign Office Warning To Slavs

London, Dec. 29.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that recognition of the rebel provisional Greek "government" by any nation "would be interpreted by His Majesty's Government as a grave deterioration in the international situation."

The statement was interpreted here as a warning to Albania and Bulgaria which are reported to be considering early recognition of Gen. Markos.

The spokesman said that British monitoring showed that the Yugoslav radio in Belgrade had broadcast extensive propaganda favourable to Markos but said he could not confirm Athens' charges that Markos' "Free Greece" Radio was put on the air via Belgrade facilities.

Athens reports referred to hand-to-hand fighting on the fighting fronts, where the Government anti-guerrilla offensive continued to gain ground against the hard-battling Communists, under the personal leadership of General Markos.

Bayonet Attacks

Guerrillas captured in the wind-swept hills said that Markos had placed himself at the head of seven battalions and added that they had been told that artillery and air force reinforcements for their cause were expected from "outside Greece" on the vital Konitsa front.

Guerrilla losses were described as heavy in fighting on Saturday and Sunday which included bayonet attacks on Communist posts between Konitsa and Janninn. Shooting was going on in the area of the Rambala Heights and near Yercplatanos and Mavrovounion.

Government troops have occupied the heights south of Grambala, but press dispatches said guerrillas still controlled heights of Elafotopos, Vasilikon and Kallvia, overlooking the road from Kalpaki to the Bourazani bridge.

Favourable weather yesterday gave the Greek air force its chance and it pounded guerrilla positions, and claimed to have destroyed two of six guns which have been shelling Konitsa. Konitsa troops are still clearing the heights. The town itself suffered a major fire sarted by a guerrilla shell.

Military reports from Janninu said that 2,000 guerrillas were fighting in the areas of Grambala and Kalpaki and were attempting to move in reinforcements over the Albanian border.

Guerrillas in the Mourgani area are retreating towards the frontier after a strong Army counter-attack, in order to escape encirclement.

Council Of War

The Minister of War (M. Stratos) visited the Janninu military hospital yesterday to see soldiers wounded on the Konitsa front, and conferred for three hours with the commander of the Second Army Corps and other military leaders.

The guerrillas are reported to have shelled Nesorion, north of Konitsa.

A high Government source who talked by telephone today with M. Stratos in the Konitsa fighting area, said the Army appeared to be in control of the situation and many newly-arrived reinforcements had not yet gone into action.

The source said he believed unconfirmed reports of greatly increased guerrilla forces were exaggerated and that the maximum guerrilla strength appeared to be about 2,000.—United Press.

Star Ferry Schedules

A 15-minute service will be maintained by the Star Ferry from midnight tonight to 2.30 a.m. (Hong Kong) and 2.15 a.m. (Kowloon) tomorrow.

The last bus on routes 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will leave the Star Ferry wharf, Kowloon, at 2.15 a.m. tomorrow. It was announced by Mr. S. H. Louey of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. yesterday.

Dangerous Driver Paid High

Convicted on a charge of driving in a manner dangerous to the public, Leung Sang, 26, was fined $200 by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

The defendant, said Traffic Sub-Insp. Donald Brown, was the driver of lorry, 5310, parked at Pak Tai Street at 4 p.m. on Dec. 29 for the purpose of unloading rubble and bricks.

Four coolies were engaged on the job which was done with the sideboards and tailboard down.

Before the boards were put back into position, said TSI Brown, defendant began to drive his lorry off.

Three of the coolies attempted to pull the boards up, two coolies engaged on the side and one at the rear.

When the vehicle bumped over the road at the junction of Sung Wong Toi Road the three coolies were thrown off the lorry. Two sustained severe injuries and were still in hospital yesterday.

Britain's Latest Import

Rebecca, a fifteen-year-old Eskimo girl, arrived at London airport after flying 5,700 miles from her home in Baffin Land.

Rebecca has come home with Mrs. Turner, whose husband Canon Turner accidentally shot himself on a seal-hunting expedition, to act as maid to Mrs. Turner's two children, June and baby Barbara.

PHOTO SHOWS:—Rebecca carrying fifteen month old Barbara Eskimo-fashion when she arrived with Mrs. Turner at London Airport.—APhoto.

WALLACE WILL HEAD U.S. "THIRD PARTY"

Chicago, Dec. 29.

Mr. Henry Wallace, former United States Vice-President, announced in a broadcast tonight his readiness to head an independent third party in American politics and his intention to enter next November's presidential election as the new party's candidate.

Mr. Wallace, who is now the foremost critic of the United States foreign policy, has been asked to form a third party by progressive citizens of America, an influential liberal group.

Meantime, as one indication of a split among his previous supporters over his leading the third party is an announcement that one of the key men of the magazine—New Republic—which Mr. Wallace has edited since he left Mr. Truman's cabinet last year, has resigned.

In his speech over a national network Mr. Wallace announced flatly and without qualification that he would be a candidate, running on a platform whose main planks would be "world peace" and economic and social rights for the "common man."

With the backing of numerous "progressive" groups and the Communist Party, Mr. Wallace's entrance into the Presidential race is considered by neutral political observers to have as its main result a substantial weakening of chances for the re-election of President Truman.

United States military aid to China, as well as to Turkey and Greece, was attacked by Mr. Wallace as contributing to the skyrocketing prices in the United States.

Mr. Wallace said: "The American people read of the fantastic appropriations being made for military adventures in Greece, Turkey and China—and billions for armaments here at home. Slowly it dawns on us that those newspaper headlines have stepped into our everyday lives.... we suddenly realise we can't have all the people of the world getting ready for the next war without paying for it in clothing and housing."

Admits No Chance

The Wallace move is probably the most important development so far in the Presidential picture and may rank in political importance with Theodore Roosevelt's famed bolt from the Republican Party in 1912, which split the Republicans and led to the election of Woodrow Wilson.

Mr. Wallace admitted that he did not have a chance of being elected. "Lukewarm liberals sitting on two chairs say, 'Why throw away your vote?' I say a vote for the new Party in 1948 will be the most valuable vote ever cast or ever will cast. The bigger the peace vote in 1948, the more definitely the world will know the United States is not in the partisan reactionary war [illegible] dividing the world into armed camps and resulting in [illegible] when American [illegible] in the Arctic

Interport Soccer

Shanghai, Dec. 30.

A 15-man team will be sent to Hongkong in the first week of February for an interport soccer match against that colony, according to a decision of the Shanghai Athletic Federation, an All-Chinese controlling body.

February 10 has been tentatively set as the date for the interport match. It was also decided that a district tryout for the Chinese Olympic soccer team will be held from January 24 to February 1 with a final tryout to be held in Hongkong after the Chinese New Year in a game with South China players.—Reuter.

Soccer Fixtures

The following are the week-end Soccer fixtures:—

Saturday Jan. 3

FIRST DIVISION

South China v. Police, C. Hill 4 p.m. Ref.:—J. Havelaar; Linesmen:—C. Redman/Tsang Kinghong.

Devons v. R.A.F., Sookunpoo, 4 p.m. Ref.:—K.K. Ip; Linesmen:—A. Rebelro/L. Harris.

K.M. Bus v. Navy, Police, 4 p.m. Ref.:—J. Ward; Linesmen:—R. Xavier/B. Xavier.

Club v. St. Joseph's, Club, 4 p.m. Ref.:—J.G. Padley, Linesmen:—S. Y. Kwok/J. Crawford.

SECOND DIVISION "A"

South China v. R.A.C., C. Hill 2.30 p.m. Ref.:—F. Lloyd.

Navy v. K.M. Bus, Police, 2.30 p.m. Ref.:—A. Guest.

SECOND DIVISION "B"

25th R.A. v. R.A.S.C., Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m. Ref.:—W. Gallery.

Club v. R.E.M.E., Club, 2.30 p.m. Ref.:—Farmer.

C. Cadre v. Electric, H. Valley "I", 2.30 p.m. Ref.:—K.F. Leung.

Sunday Jan. 4

FIRST DIVISION

25th R.A. v. Inniskillings, Sookunpoo, 4 p.m. Ref.:—F.A. Barretto; Linesmen:—Y.F. Mak/P. P. Li.

Eastern v. Kwong Wah, C. Hill, 4 p.m. Ref.:—A.F. Willis; Linesmen:—D.P. Lai/C.K. Woo.

Sing Tao v. Kit Chee Club, 4 p.m. Ref.:—H. Bilsby; Linesmen:—I. George/M. Leung.

Chinese A.A. (Bye).

SECOND DIVISION "A"

Eastern v. St. Joseph's Club, 2.30 p.m. Ref.:—J. Day.

Kit Chee v. H.K.F.C. Navy, 2.30 p.m. Ref.:—Cpl. Marston; Linesmen:—Cpl. Chapman/Pte. Nave.

Dockyard v. Police, [illegible] 1.30 p.m. Ref.:—[illegible]

SECOND DIVISION "B"

Signals v. Chinese A.A., Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m. Ref.:—N. Delgado.

R.A.M.C. v. Sing Tao, C. Hill 2.30 p.m. Ref.:—S.M.I. Easton.

South China (Bye).

Referees Meetings

Monthly meeting of the H.K. Football Referee Association will be held on Monday, 5th January, 1948 in the H.K. Football Association's office at 8.00 p.m.

St. Josephs' Team

The following will represent St. Joseph's in their First Division football game on Club ground on Saturday at 4 p.m.:—J. Brown; Hussain and Leonard, Gosano, A. Xavier, [illegible] Lumsdaine; Toledo, Pereira, M. Xavier, Gomes and [illegible]

Teams

[illegible] have been [illegible] represent the Main- [illegible] Hong Kong in the [illegible] Club ground [illegible] 2.30 [illegible] Walker driver [illegible] 2.30 [illegible] (CAA) Leung [illegible] (Wah) Lai Wai [illegible] (RAF) Tam [illegible] Colley [illegible] Pang-kwan [illegible] (CAA) [illegible] (RAF) [illegible] (CAA) [illegible] and Chinese [illegible] Team [illegible]

CHRISTMAS REGATTA MET FLUKY WINDS

Trevessa Trophy Drew Few Entries

Another Christmas has come and gone, and with it another Christmas Regatta at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. For many members it has been their last Regatta in Hong Kong for the present. To all those who are leaving in the New Year we wish "Good Sailing."

The three day Regatta was not blessed with particularly good sailing weather—winds were either non-existent, or fluky to the extreme.

Nevertheless the whole programme was completed and all the trophies were well-won and well deserved. The prize-giving was held at the clubhouse on Sunday evening, when Mrs. Ingram, wife of Captain Ingram R.N. of H.M.S. Adamant, handed the prizes and Challenge Trophies to the winners.

TREVESSA TROPHY

This race, as last year, was organised by Mr. Beeching.

It is disappointing that so few entries—4 boats—were forthcoming compared with the much bigger turn out last year. The two leading boats had a great race and there was a close finish.

Results:—

Anchises (Blue Funnel Line) 1
Eastern Saga (Indo-China) 2

A shield was presented to Mr. Gould, the coxswain of Anchises' boat, whilst the Trevessa trophy itself is handed to the Ships Hong Kong Agents for safe keeping until next year.

CRUISERS

The cruisers were to have raced on Friday and on Sunday, but racing was impossible with the light airs on Friday when the 5 cruisers entering drifted down harbour for a picnic and returned under power.

The race for the Christmas Challenge cup was held on Sunday, and a short course was set to ensure that the cruisers could return in time for the evening's events.

The course was to Kowloon Rocks, Tsong Pao (off Sheko) and back, the Yachts finished as follows:—

1st, Ariki (Howham, Meek) Actual time 4.28.00, corrected time 4.28.00; 2nd, Aquilla (F. Clemo) 4.49.50, 4.49.50; 3rd, Yvonne (Gray) 4.53.25, 4.53.25; 4th, Harbinger (Lapper) 5.34.20, 5.7.10; Terne (Mead) 5.35.10, 5.24.0.

Disqualified after fouling: Harbinger.

JUBILEES

The 6 Jubilees had decided to race three times during the Regatta and to present Mr. McKenzie's cup as a Challenge Trophy to the best average.

Unfortunately all three races turned out to be drifting matches. Results were:—

FRIDAY MORNING: 1st, H.J.6 (Keith-Hardy, Marsack, Sutton) 3.38.15; 2nd, H.J.2 (R. Beeching, V. Beeching, L. Beeching) 3.36.10; 3rd, H.J.3 (R. Smith) 3.38.45; 4th, H.J.1 (Middleditch) 3.41.50; 5th, H.J.5 (F. Crosbie) 3.46.30; 6th, H.J.4 (MacKenzie) 3.53.15.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON: 1st, H.J.5 (Crosbie) 1.41.35; 2nd, H.J.3 (R. Smith) 1.43.30; 3rd, H.J.1 (D. Middleditch) 1.44.30; 4th, H.J.6 (D. Keith-Hardy, J. Keith-Hardy, Wilmott) 1.45.10; 5th, H.J.2 (R. Beeching, V. Beeching, Abercrombie, Coxwalker) 1.46.45.

SUNDAY MORNING: 1st, H.J.3 (Smith) 4.24.30; 2nd, H.J.5 (Crosbie) 4.29.50; 3rd, H.J.1 (Middleditch) 4.33.40; 4th, H.J.6 (Keith-Hardy) 4.35.40; 5th, H.J.4 (MacKenzie) 5.43.10; H.J.2 (Beeching) D.N.F.

The Challenge Cup was presented to Mr. R.E. Smith who had a slightly better average than the runner-up, Mr. Crosbie, in the three events.

LADIES RACE

Twelve ladies raced on Saturday morning—and they had the best race of the regatta as the wind strengthened for them and made a thrilling race. Miss Pat Loseby won the small cup for this race.

Ladies Dinghy A.—

LADIES DINGHY RACE: 1st, Theseus II (Miss P. Loseby) 0.50.55; 2nd, Gambia I (Jane Strellett) 0.51.10; 3rd, Gambia II (Harriet Harvey) 0.52.35; 4th, Tyne I (Margaret Roness) 0.52.40; 5th, Stonecutters II (Isobel Harrower) 0.53.10; 6th, Duke of York I (Dusty D'Arcy) 0.56.00; 7th, Stonecutters IV (Mrs. Merrick) 0.56.01; 8th, Commodore I (Barbara Toogood) 0.56.45; 9th, Theseus III (Mrs. Sedgwick) 0.58.30; 10th, Stonecutters V (Shirley Cantopher) 0.58.55; 11th, Commodore II (C. Ballantine) 0.59.55; 12th, Black (Elizabeth D'Arcy) 1.01.55.

This race was so popular that it is intended to hold ladies races at the club once every month in future.

SERVICE WHALERS

Two Whaler sailing races were held, one on Saturday afternoon for Ratings, and an open race on Sunday morning. The Sunday morning race was a "crash" Whaler race—part sailing and part pulling. Results.

SATURDAY RACE: 1st, Comus 1 1.37.30; 2nd, Black Swan I 1.38.40; 3rd, London 1.37.45; 4th, Alert 1.42.45; 5th, Constance 1.50.00; 6th, Cossack 1.52.30; 7th, Black Swan II 2.07.45.

CRASH WHALER RACE (Sunday Dec. 28, a.m.): 1st, Comus (C.P.O. Baker); 2nd, Cossack (Lt. Drummond); 3rd, Constance (Lt. Fanshale); 4th, Black Swan (C.P.O. Roberts); 5th, Comet (C.P.O. Mathews); 6th, London (Fraser); 7th, London (Mr. Low).

Money prizes were given to the winners of these races. The Ratings also had a race in 14' dinghies for cash prizes:—

RATINGS' DINGHY RACE (Saturday, 27th, a.m.): 1st, London I, Openshaw (London) 0.55.50; 2nd, London II, Mathews (Comet) 1.01.10; 3rd, Adamant VI, Swallah (Adamant) 1.02.30; 4th, Byrne, Clay (Cockerel) 1.02.30; 5th, Maroon, Marchant (Vengeance) 1.05.10; 6th, Alert, Pugh (Alert) 1.05.30; 7th, Tyne II, Davy [illegible] 1.06.00; 8th, Cossack, Ruseviela (Cossack) 1.06.50; 9th, Adamant III, King (Cockerel) 1.11.10; 10th, V.3, Wand (Vengeance) 1.11.11; 11th, V.5, Adams (Vengeance) 1.11.35; 12th, Adamant IV, Warne (Vengeance) 1.12.20; 13th, Adamant V, Thompson (Vengeance) 1.12.50; 14th, Comus, Baker (Cockerel) 1.13.50; 15th, Alert, Bowers (Cockerel) 1.23.40; 16th, Adamant II, Alliston (Adamant) 1.25.10.

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Sweeney Went Behind The Curtains

New York, Dec. 30.

Edward Sweeney's bed in his boarding house caught fire.

Sweeney leaped from the bed, ran to the door, opened it, ran thro[illegible] slammed it shut.

Firemen arrived, rescued Sweeney's [illegible]mate, prepared to leave, heard a knocking, opened a door. There was Sweeney [illegible] in a cupboard.—Associated Press.

although the Services had great hopes this year until the wind began to fall on Sunday morning.

SERVICES v. CIVILIANS
DINGHY TEAM RACE
Sunday, Dec. 28, A.M.

Disqualified, Theseus II (Chidell 'C') 1.57.35; 1st, London II (Coote 'C') 1.57.45; 2nd, Comus (Hackett 'C') 1.59.45; 3rd, Adamant IV (Harris 'C') 2.00.40; 4th, Gambia (Goodhart 'S') 2.01.30; 5th, Cossack (Merrick 'S') 2.02.10; 6th, London I (Ingham 'S') 2.02.30; 7th, Theseus I (Hendrie 'S') 2.02.50; 8th, Maroon (Manning 'C') 2.03.40; 9th, V.1 (Mack 'S') 2.03.45; 10th, Theseus III (Sedgwick 'C') 2.03.50; 11th, Stonecutters IV (Sherriff 'C') 2.05.45; 12th, Adamant V (McClement 'C') 2.06.10; 13th, Black [illegible] (Browne 'C') 2.06.12; 14th, Ston[illegible] V (Raeburn 'C') 2.07.50; 15th, [illegible]tters I (Mitchell 'S') 2.09.10; [illegible]mant VI (Burn 'C') 2.09.12; 17th, [illegible] (Durley 'C') 2.09.15; 18th, Com[illegible] (Ingham 'S') 2.09.17; 19th, Cons[illegible] 'C') 2.09.19; 20th, Tyne I (L[illegible] 2.09.21; 21st, 51 (Martyn 'C') [illegible] 22nd, Yellow (Corbett 'C') 2.09.23; [illegible] Duke of York I (Strang 'C') [illegible] 24th, V.II (Wilkinson 'S') 2.39.30; 25th, Stonecutters II (Grey 'S') 2.09.35; 26th, Adamant IV (Gracey 'S') 2.11.20; 27th, Gambia II (Litchfield 'S') 2.11.40; 28th, Adamant II (Wardle 'S') 2.12.00; Black (Barrett 'S') D.N.F.

Results: The Club 256; Combined Services 208.

PRESENTATION

The cups, trophies and cash prizes were presented to the winners of the races described above at the clubhouse at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday evening by Mrs. Ingram. At the same time the two cups that had been competed for during the past 3 months were presented—

Star Helmsman's Series: 1st, Mr. Christensen; 2nd, Mr. Chidell.

Dinghy Team League: "The Alcatraz" Messrs. Honess, Harris, Howman, Meek, Mrs. Honess, Miss Harvey.

Following the presentation, the Dragons bowbuilding at the Cosmo Boat were drawn for and racing numbers allocated.

NEXT WEEKEND

There will be the usual races next weekend and, of course the opening dance in the new ballroom on Kellet Island. Mr. Sterickers' new motor yacht "Shangri-la" has been offered to assist in ferrying to and from Kellet, and in addition several private and Navy boats will run regularly from Queen's Pier and Kowloon Star Ferry Steps.

Draw For H.K. Golf Foursomes

The following is the draw for the First Round of the Hong Foursomes tournament of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club.

The first round must be completed by Jan. 25, the second by Feb. 11, and the third by Feb. 29. The semi-finals must be played before March 14 and the final by March 29.

Chamber of Commerce W. A. Stewart (18) J.B. Kite (24) v. Gilman & Co. Ltd. L. Goldman (10) A. Mabb (18).

Gibb Livingston & Co. Ltd. E. L. Groome (24) H.D. Bidwell (24) v. Gen. Commerical Corp. H.R. Cleland (10) E.T. McMullen (7).

Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. H.J.D. Lowe (20) K.R. Quick (24) v. Hong Kong Electric Co. Ltd. W. Stoker (20) T.E. Boycott (18).

American President Lines P.M. Cotton (9) J.W. Clague (14) v. Public Works Dept. W.O. Davies (9) L. Jackson (18).

Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corp. R.P. Moodie (16) P.S. Dunnett (13) v. Butterfield & Swire C.C. Roberts (18) F.D. Hunter (5).

Colonial Legal Service E.H. Sainsbury (24) W.A. Blair-Kerr (16) v. American Express Co Inc. F. Groves (6) M.C. Elliott (18).

Harry Wicking & Co. H. Owen-Hughes (18) L.M.S. Lloyd (17) v. Lowe Bingham & Mathews D. S. Robb (6) S.S. Gordon (18).

Wheelock Marden & Co. G.E. Marden (18) J.L. Marden (16) v. Dodwell & Co. Ltd. H.H. Mundy (14) N.G. Brown (7).

Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. N.J. Booker (18) B. Deakin (18) v. Broadcast Relay Services M. M. Watson (18) Frank Harris (7).

South British Insurance Co. R. Coombs (20) W.A. Hay [illegible] v. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. Prophet (14) E.W. Vere [illegible] Harbour Office I.K. Chinn (7) T.B. Low (18) v. Chinese Underwriters Ltd. I.W. Shewan (2[illegible] H.J. Armstrong (18).

P.A. Waller & Co. F.G. Hotson (18) H.R. Malcolm (9) v. Pure Cane Molasses W.G. Robertson (12) D.H. Blake (24).

Standard Vacuum Oil Co. Ltd. R.E. Anderson (9) G.W. Bowman (18) v. Asiatic Petroleum Co. Ltd. J.K.F. Hadland (6) [illegible] Held (12).

Byes

The following drew byes into the Second Round:—

Dodwell Motors Ltd. (8) H. Dodwell (9) G.G.D. Carter (Est.) Butterfield & Swire H.G. Polsworth (18) [illegible] Tippin (6).

Bank Line Ltd. (J.R. Collin (22) A.H. Penn (20)).

POLO TUSSLE

San Francisco, Dec. 30.

An all-star team representing the San Francisco Polo Association defeated a team from the Greenpoint Polo Club of Australia, four goals to three, before a crowd of 7,000 at Golden Gate Park on Sunday.—Associated Press.

CRICKET TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the H.K.C.C. against the Navy in the Quadrangular Cricket Tournament on Thursday and Saturday at the [illegible]

[illegible] Kilbee [illegible]

[illegible] H [illegible]

[illegible] Hall [illegible]

[illegible] Wicking [illegible]

[illegible] Wheeler [illegible]

[illegible] Wheeler [illegible]

[illegible] Wheeler